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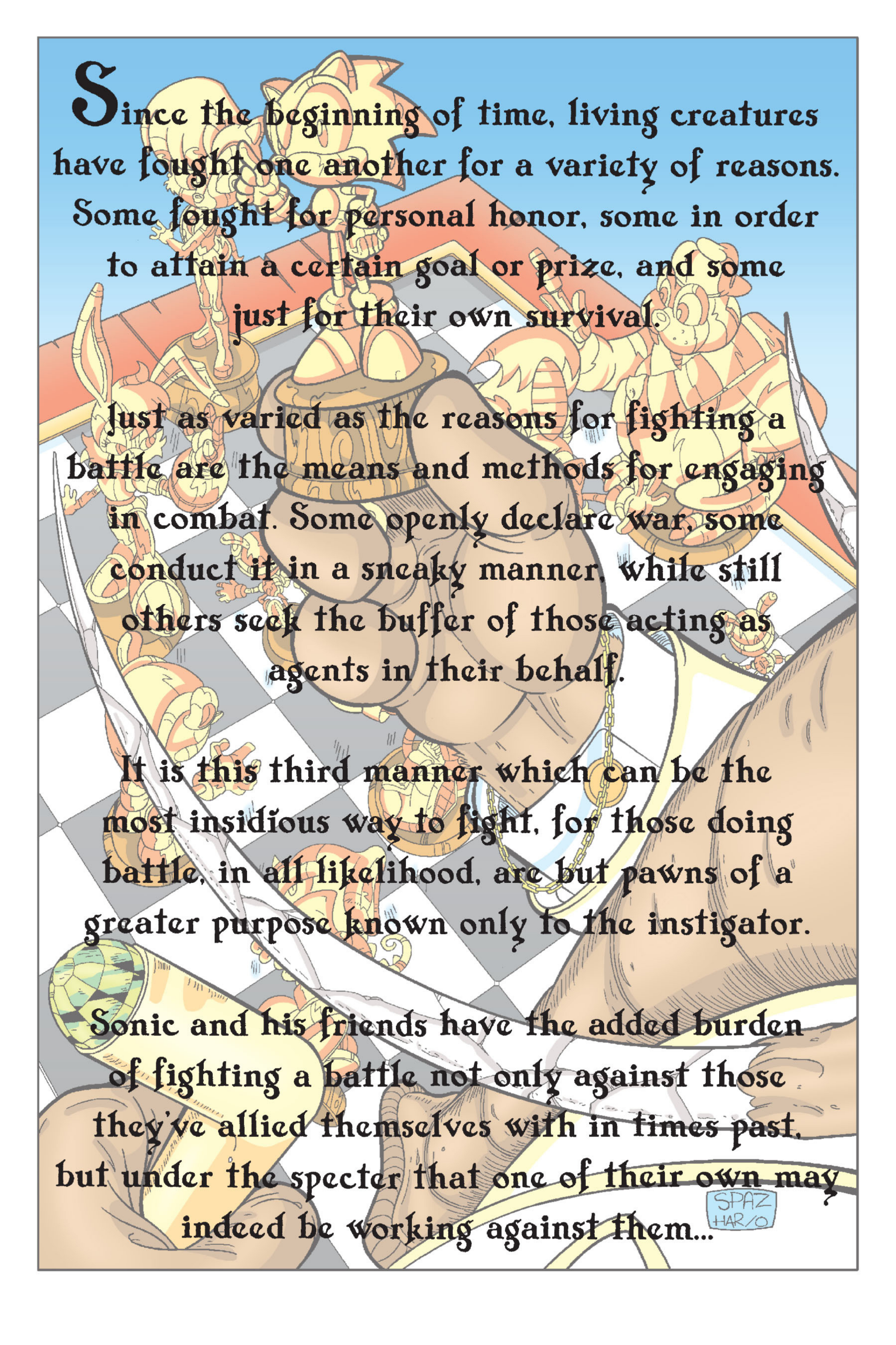
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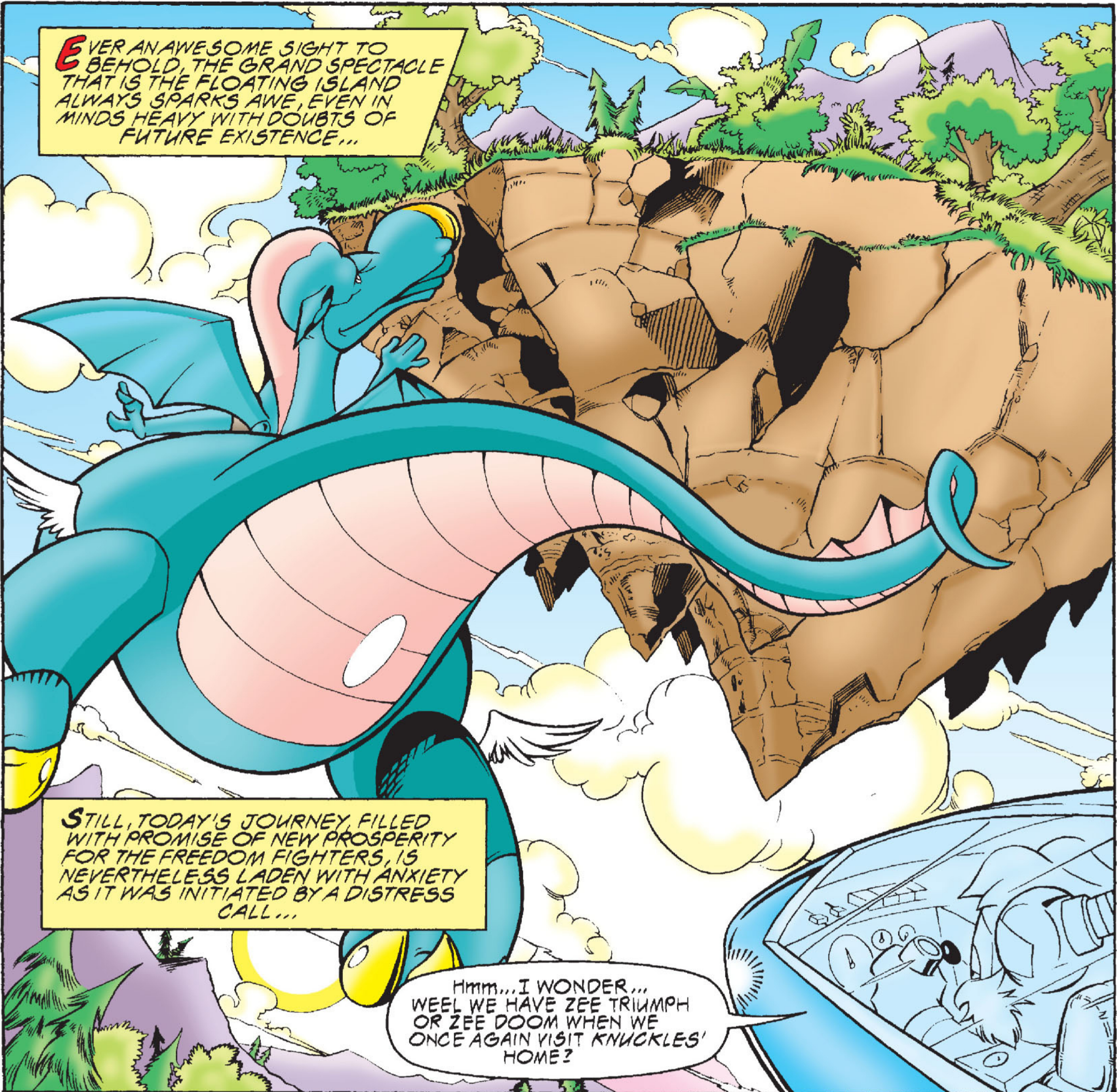
Since the beginning of time, living creatures have fought one another for a variety of reasons. Some fought for personal honor, some in order to attain a certain goal or prize, and some just for their own survival.

Just as varied as the reasons for fighting a battle are the means and methods for engaging in combat. Some openly declare war, some conduct it in a sneaky manner, while still others seek the buffer of those acting as agents in their behalf.

It is this third manner which can be the most insidious way to fight, for those doing battle, in all likelihood, are but pawns of a greater purpose known only to the instigator.

Sonic and his friends have the added burden of fighting a battle not only against those they've allied themselves with in times past, but under the specter that one of their own may indeed be working against them...

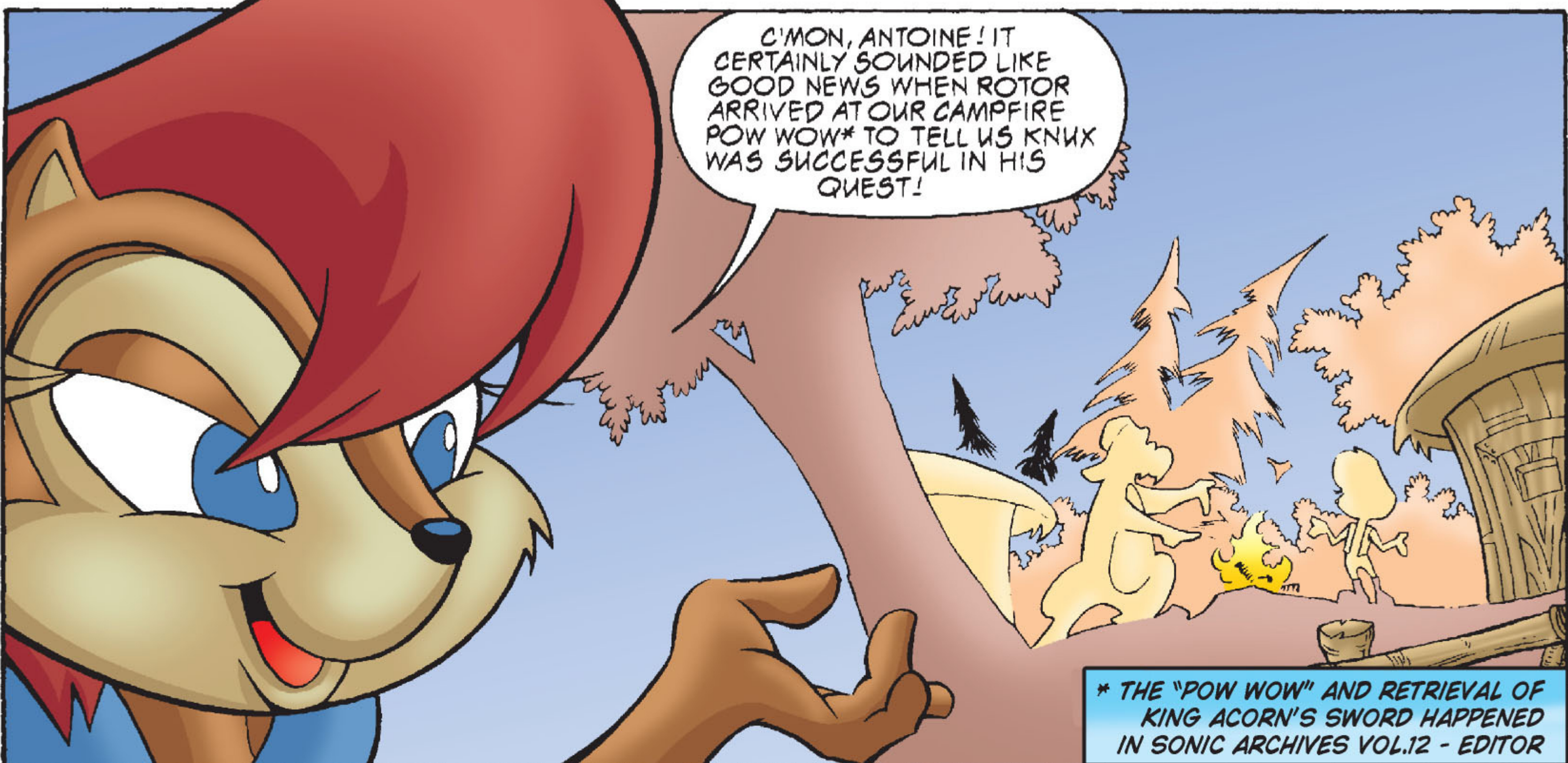
SPAZ
HAR/O



EVER AN AWESOME SIGHT TO BEHOLD, THE GRAND SPECTACLE THAT IS THE FLOATING ISLAND ALWAYS SPARKS AWE, EVEN IN MINDS HEAVY WITH DOUBTS OF FUTURE EXISTENCE...

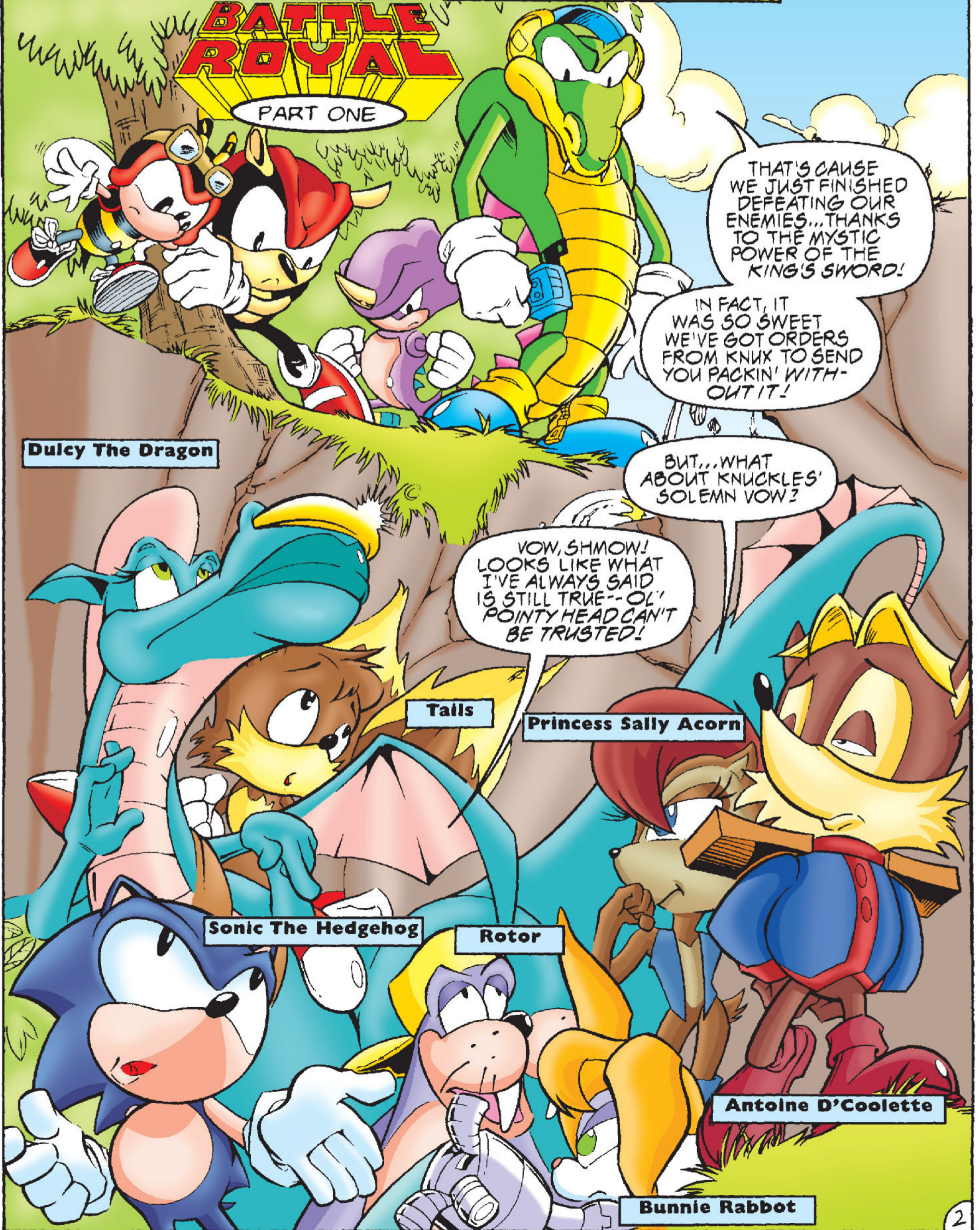
STILL, TODAY'S JOURNEY, FILLED WITH PROMISE OF NEW PROSPERITY FOR THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, IS NEVERTHELESS LADEN WITH ANXIETY AS IT WAS INITIATED BY A DISTRESS CALL...

Hmm... I WONDER... WE'LL WE HAVE ZEE TRIUMPH OR ZEE DOOM WHEN WE ONCE AGAIN VISIT KNUCKLES' HOME?



C'MON, ANTOINE! IT CERTAINLY SOUNDED LIKE GOOD NEWS WHEN ROTOR ARRIVED AT OUR CAMPFIRE POW WOW* TO TELL US KNUX WAS SUCCESSFUL IN HIS QUEST!

* THE "POW WOW" AND RETRIEVAL OF KING ACORN'S SWORD HAPPENED IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.12 - EDITOR



Dulcy The Dragon

Tails

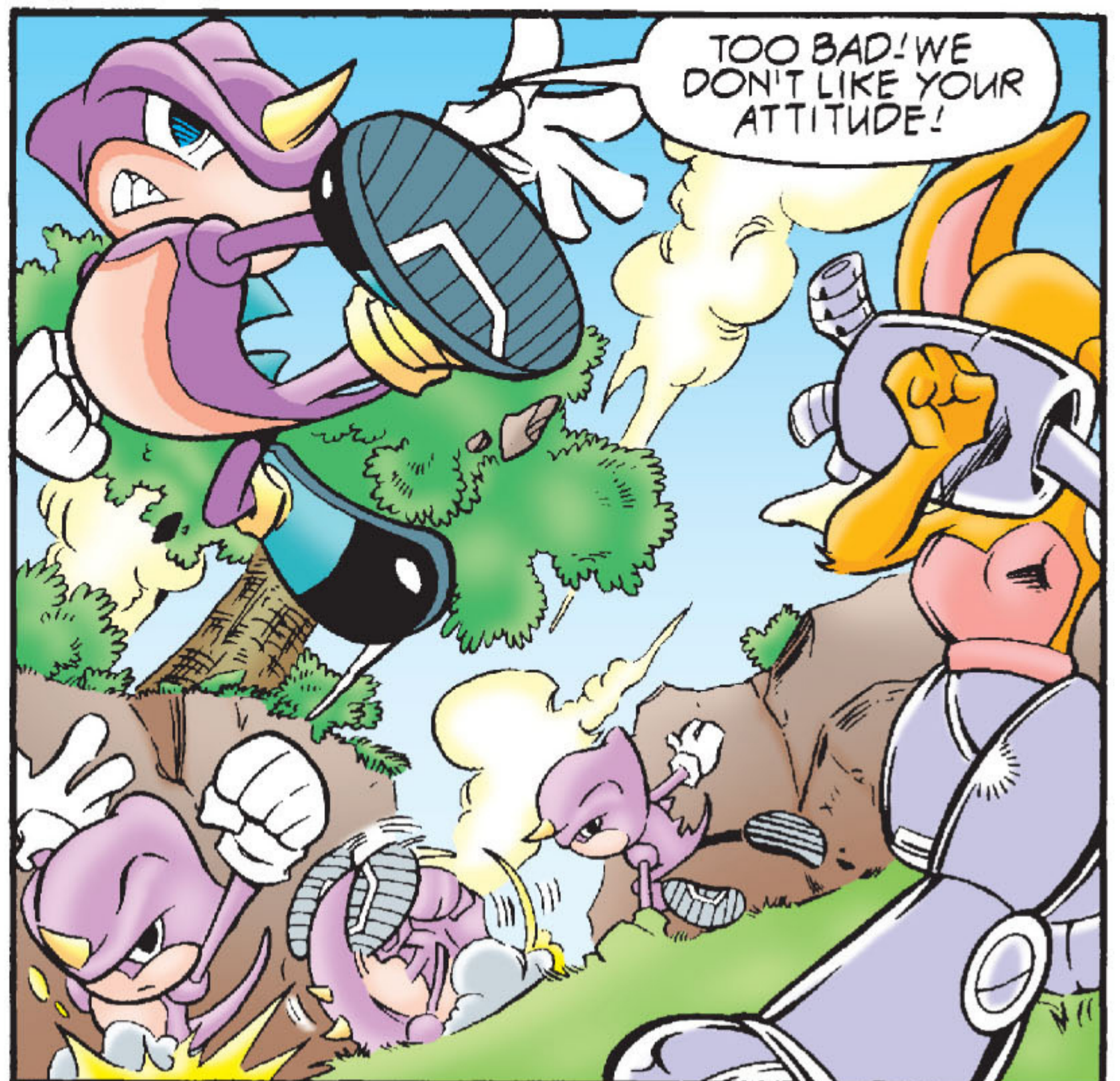
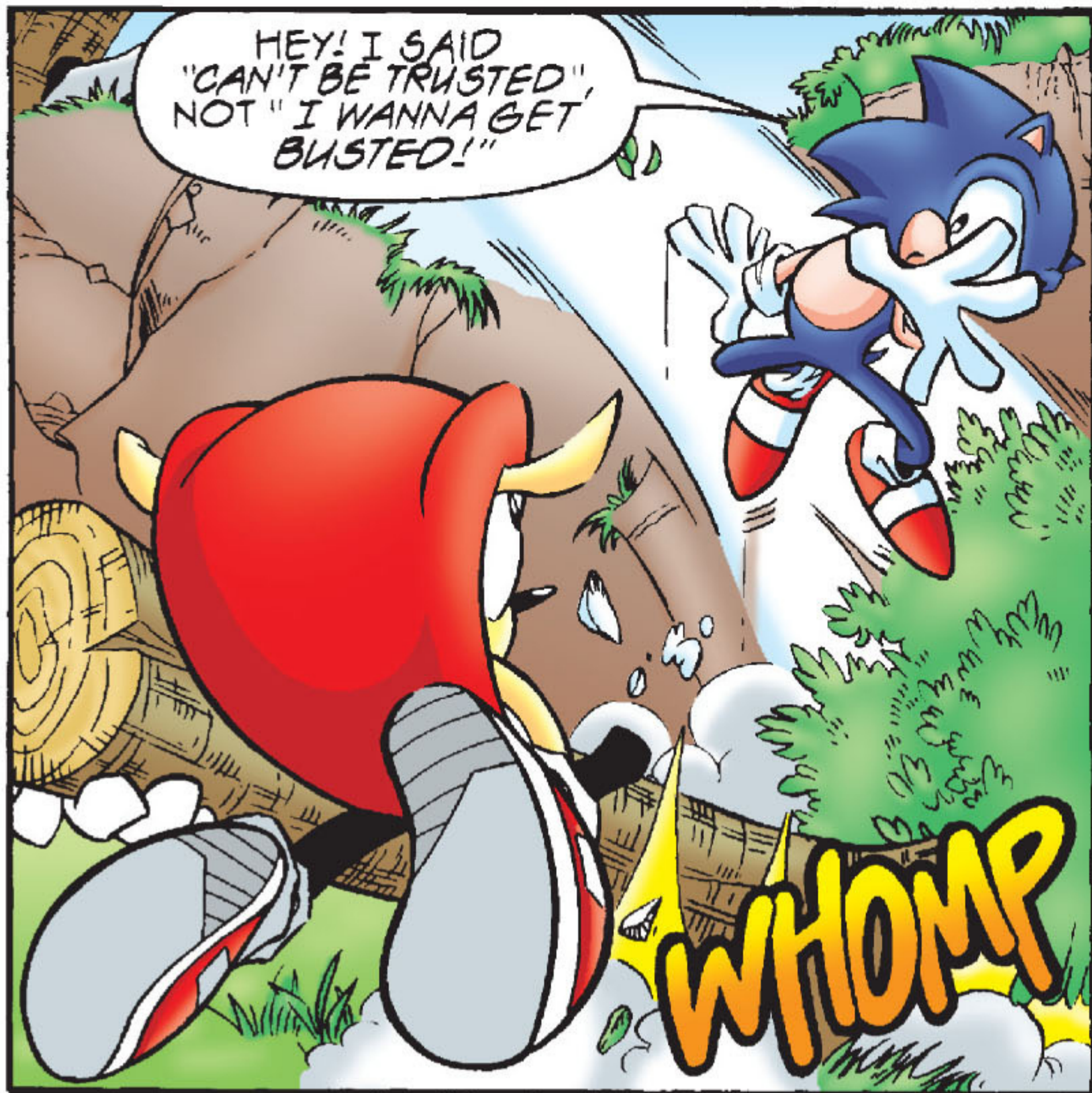
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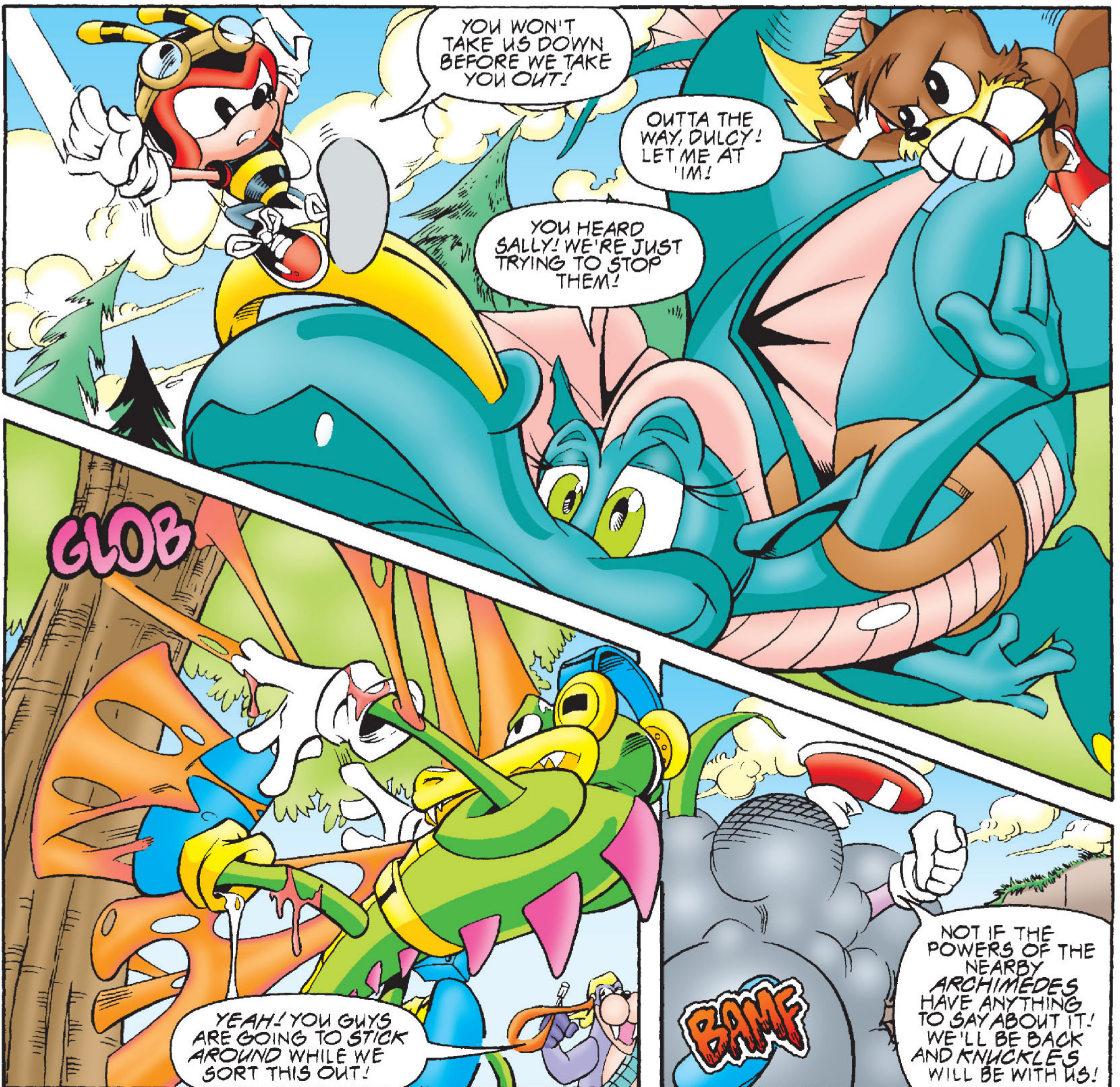
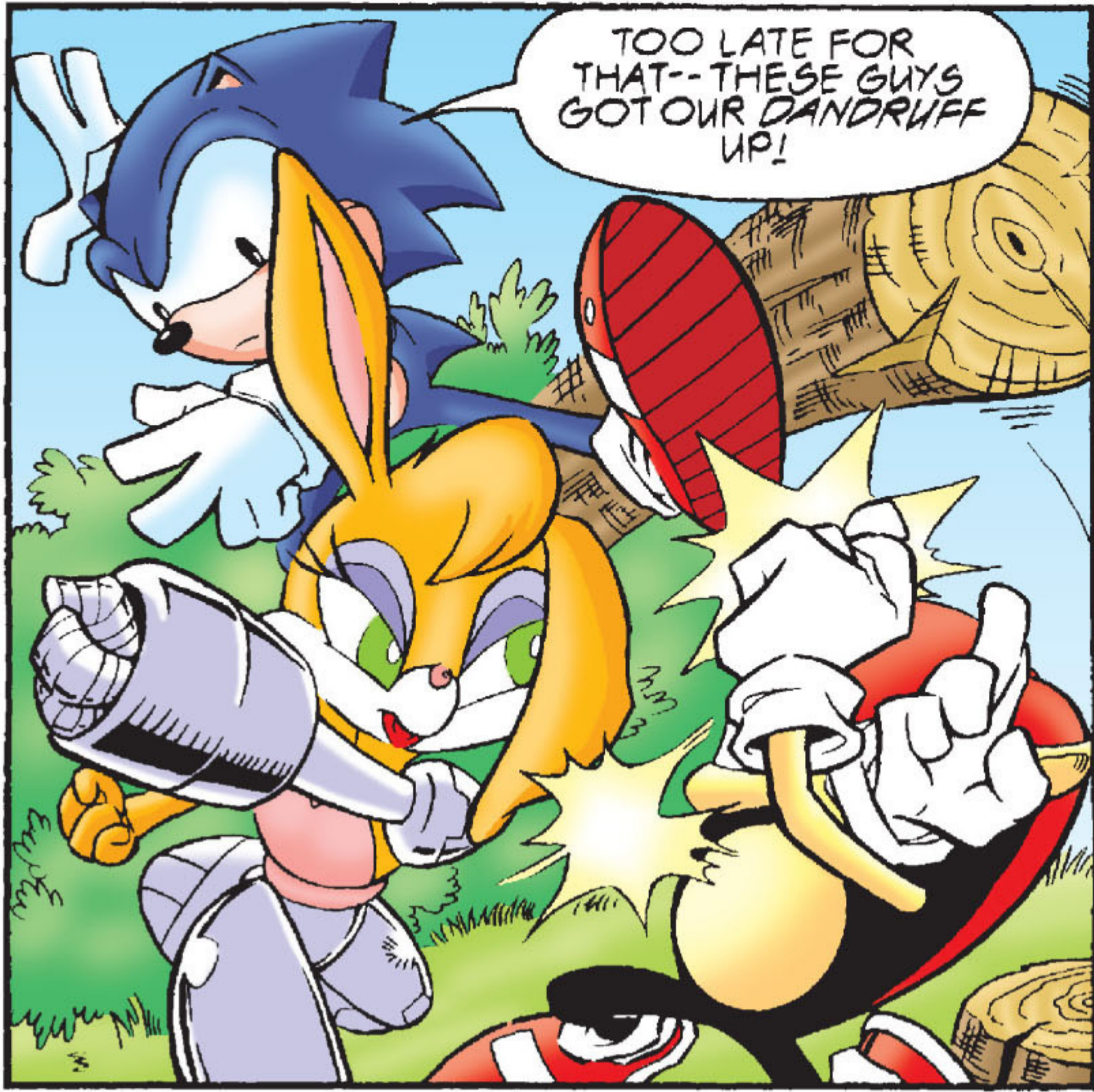
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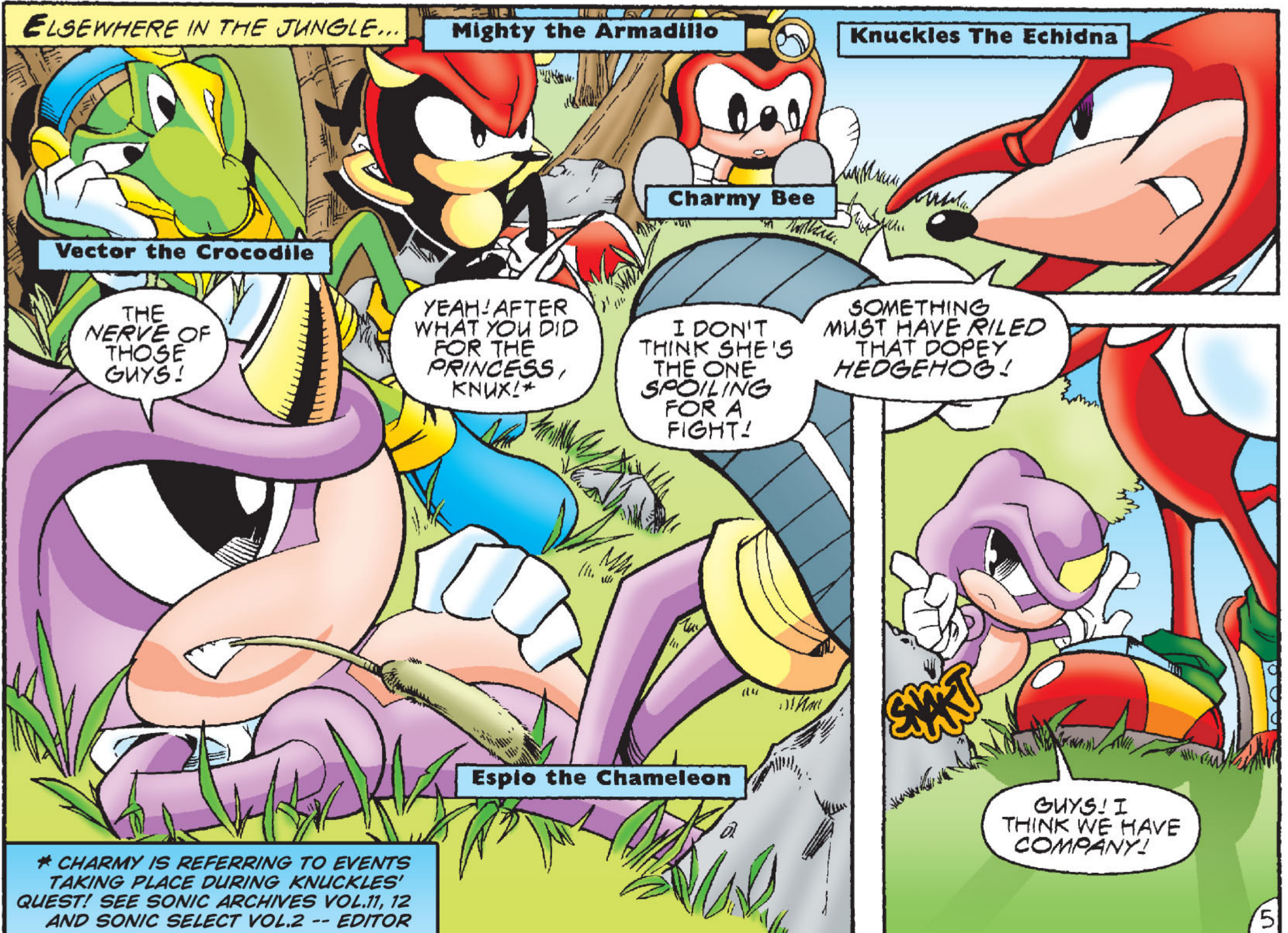
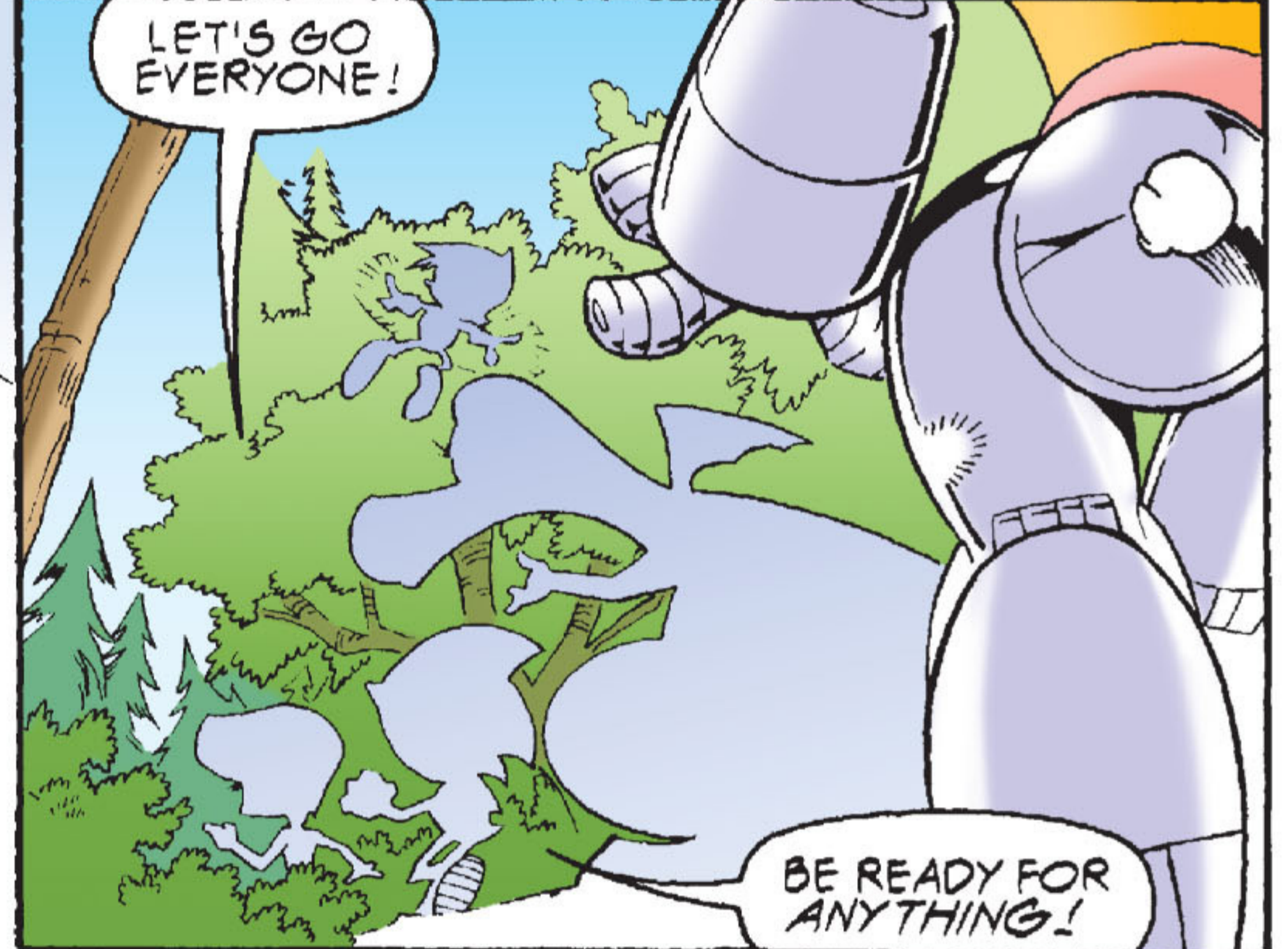
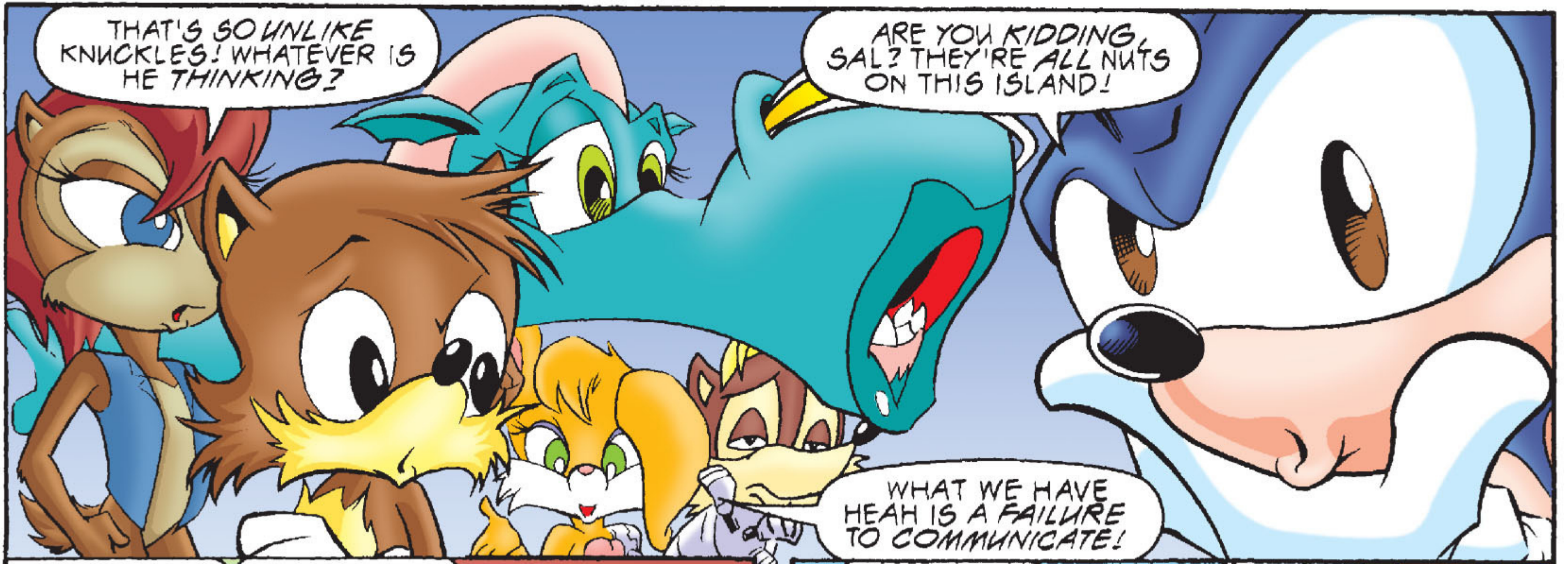
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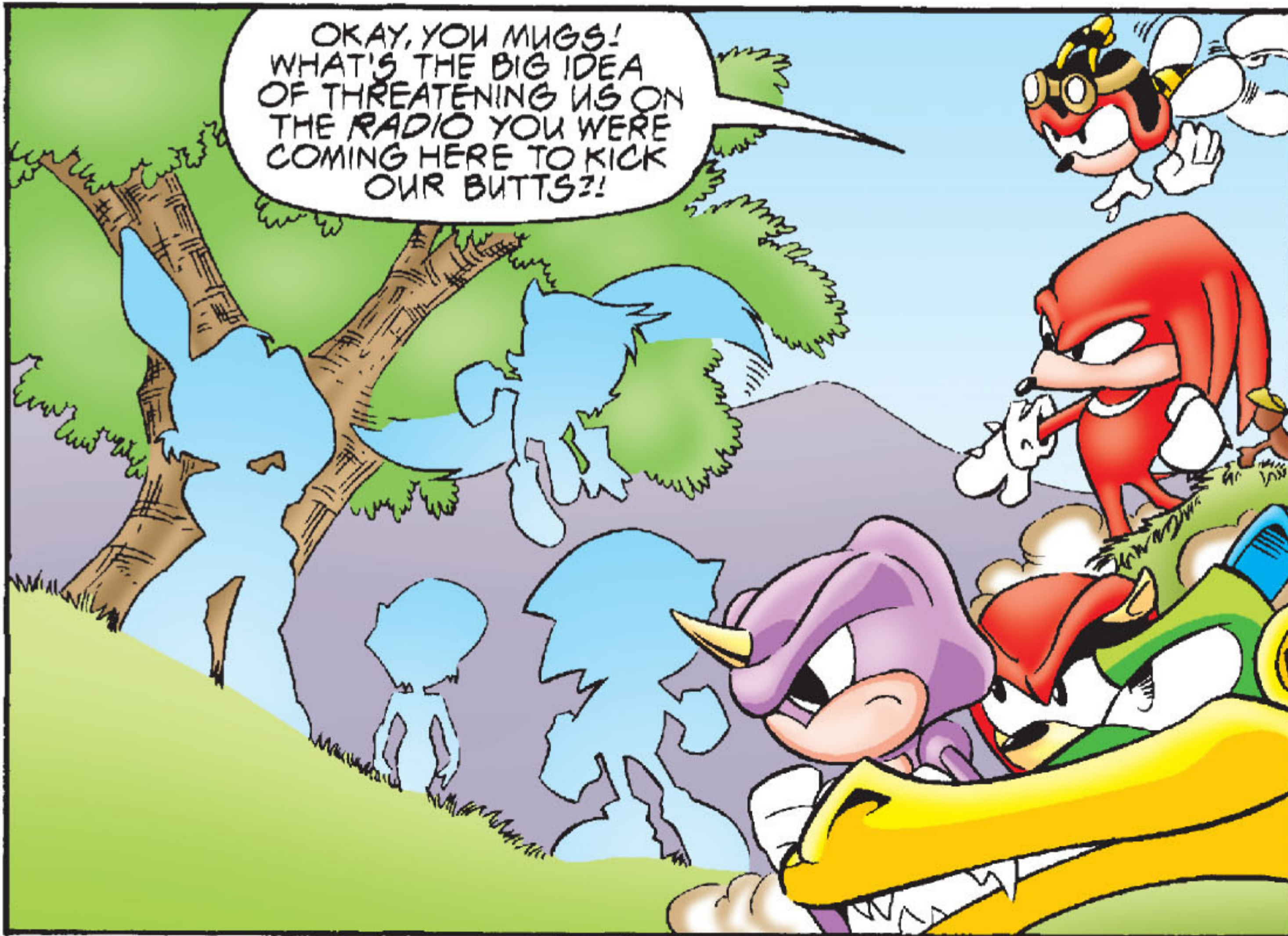
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Bunnie Rabbot





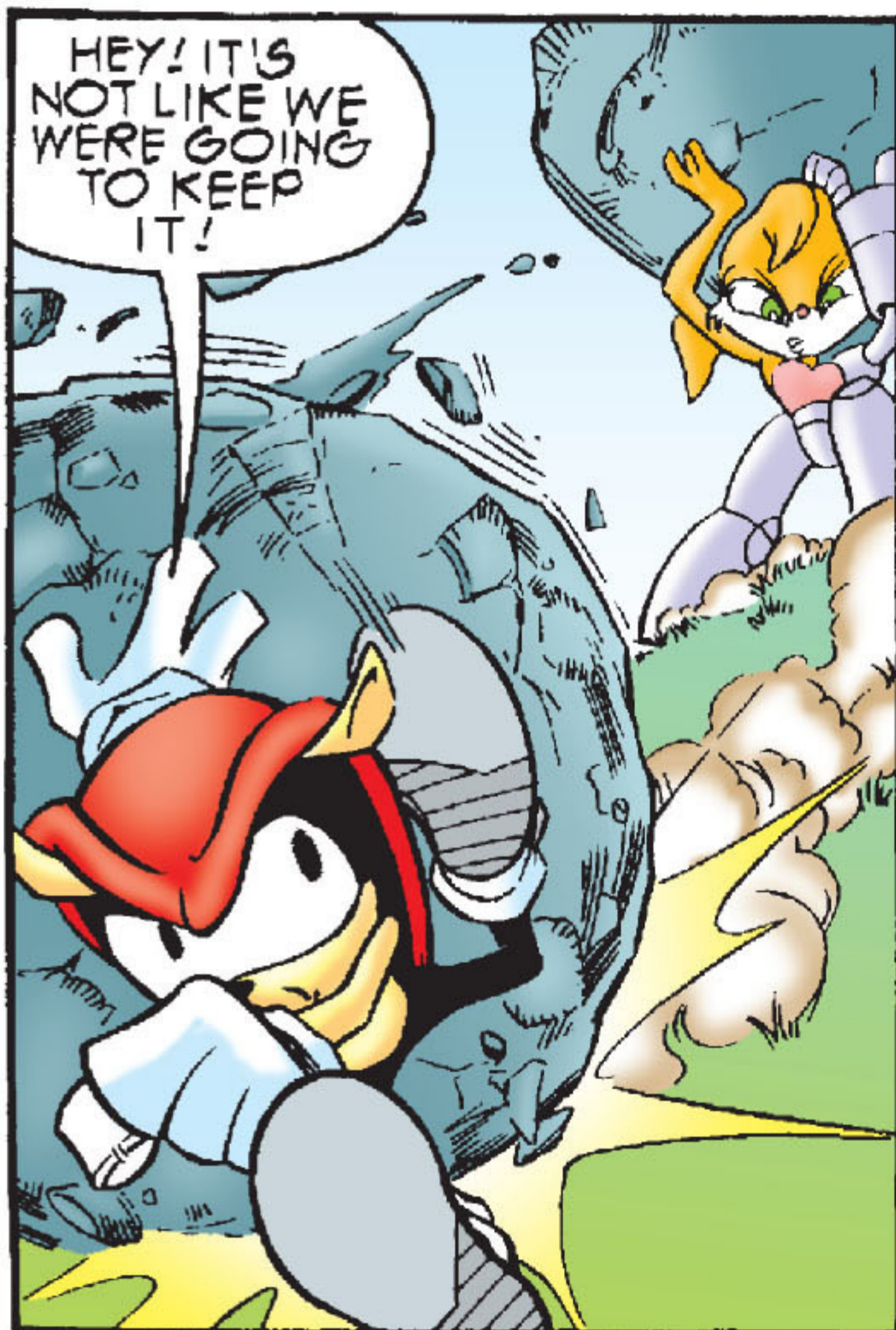




OKAY, YOU MUGS!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA
OF THREATENING US ON
THE RADIO YOU WERE
COMING HERE TO KICK
OUR BUTTS?!



WE TOLD YOU--
YOU TOOK TOO LONG
TO RETURN THE KING'S
SWORD, AND NOW
YOU'RE GONNA PAY!



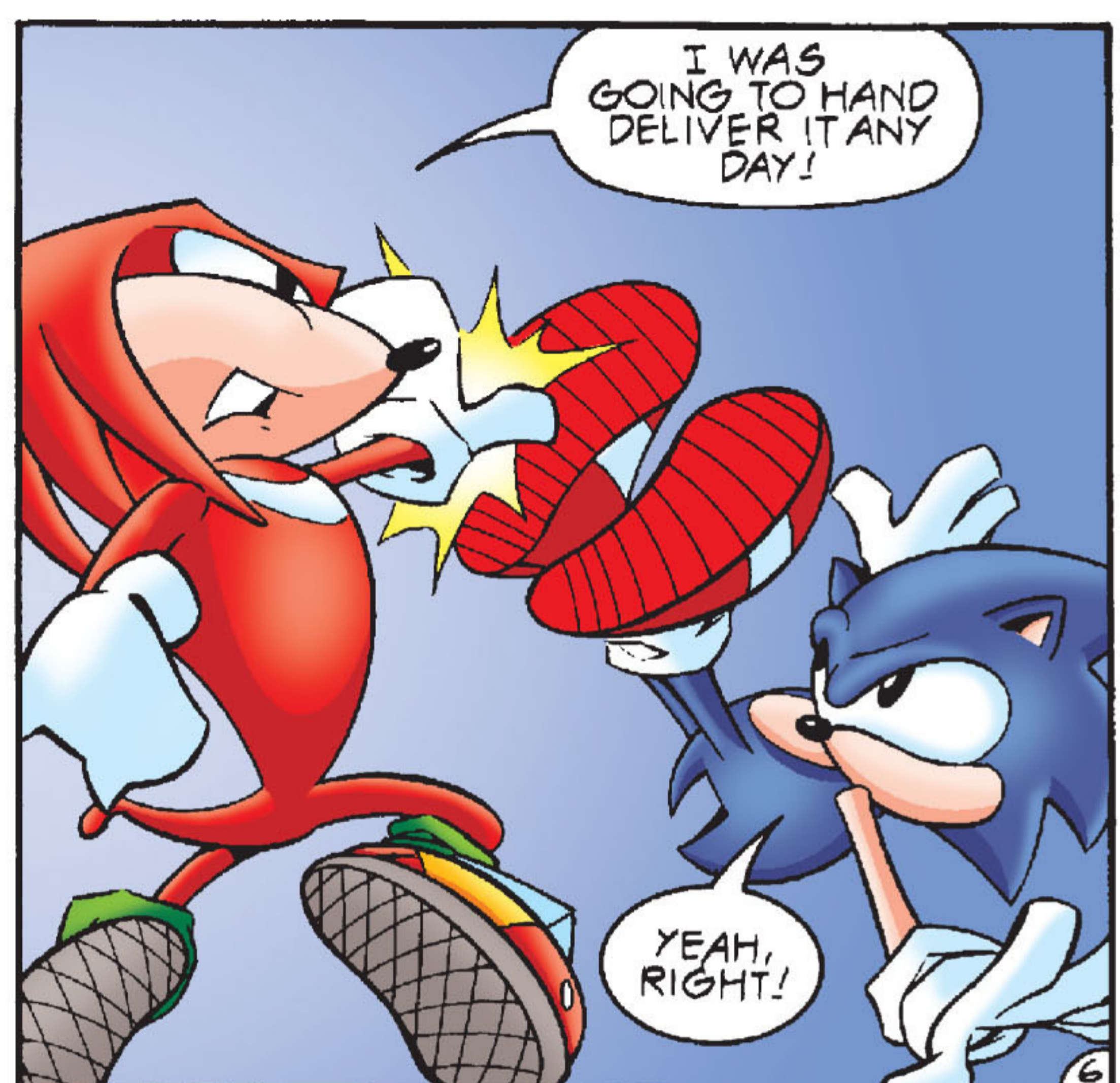
HEY! IT'S
NOT LIKE WE
WERE GOING
TO KEEP
IT!



IF THAT'S SO,
WHY HAVE YOU KEPT
POSSESSION OF IT
FOR OVER A
MONTH?

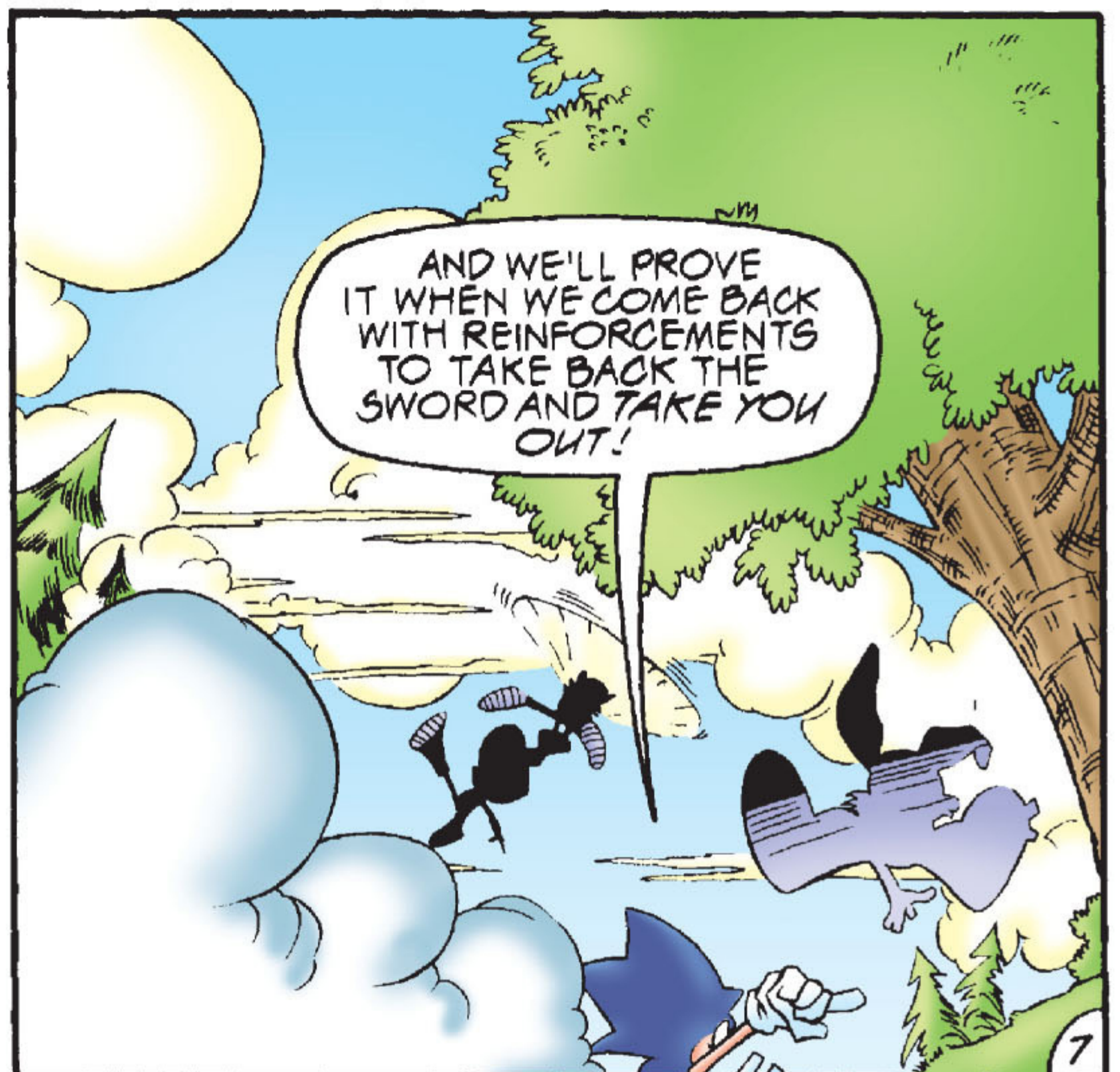


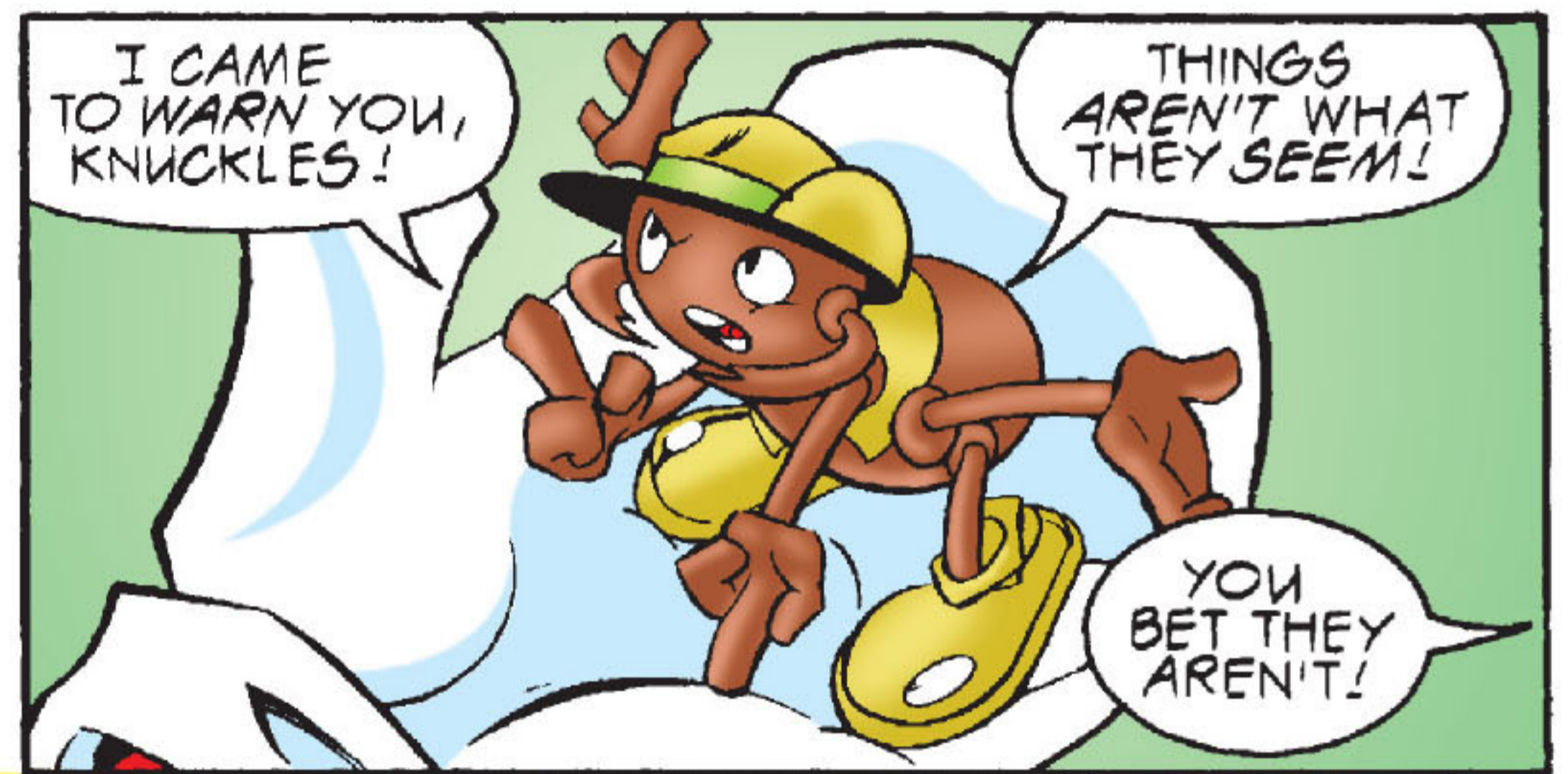
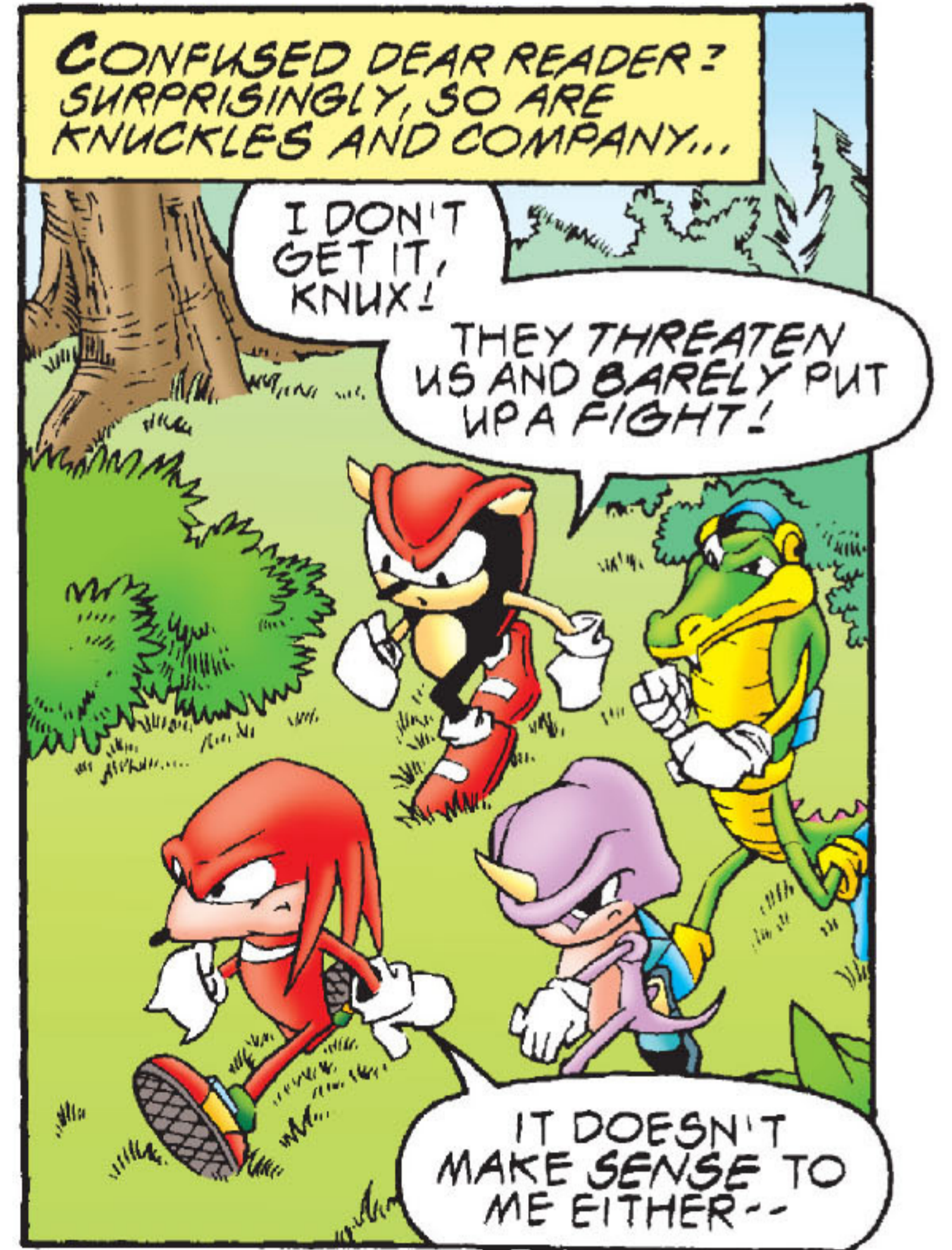
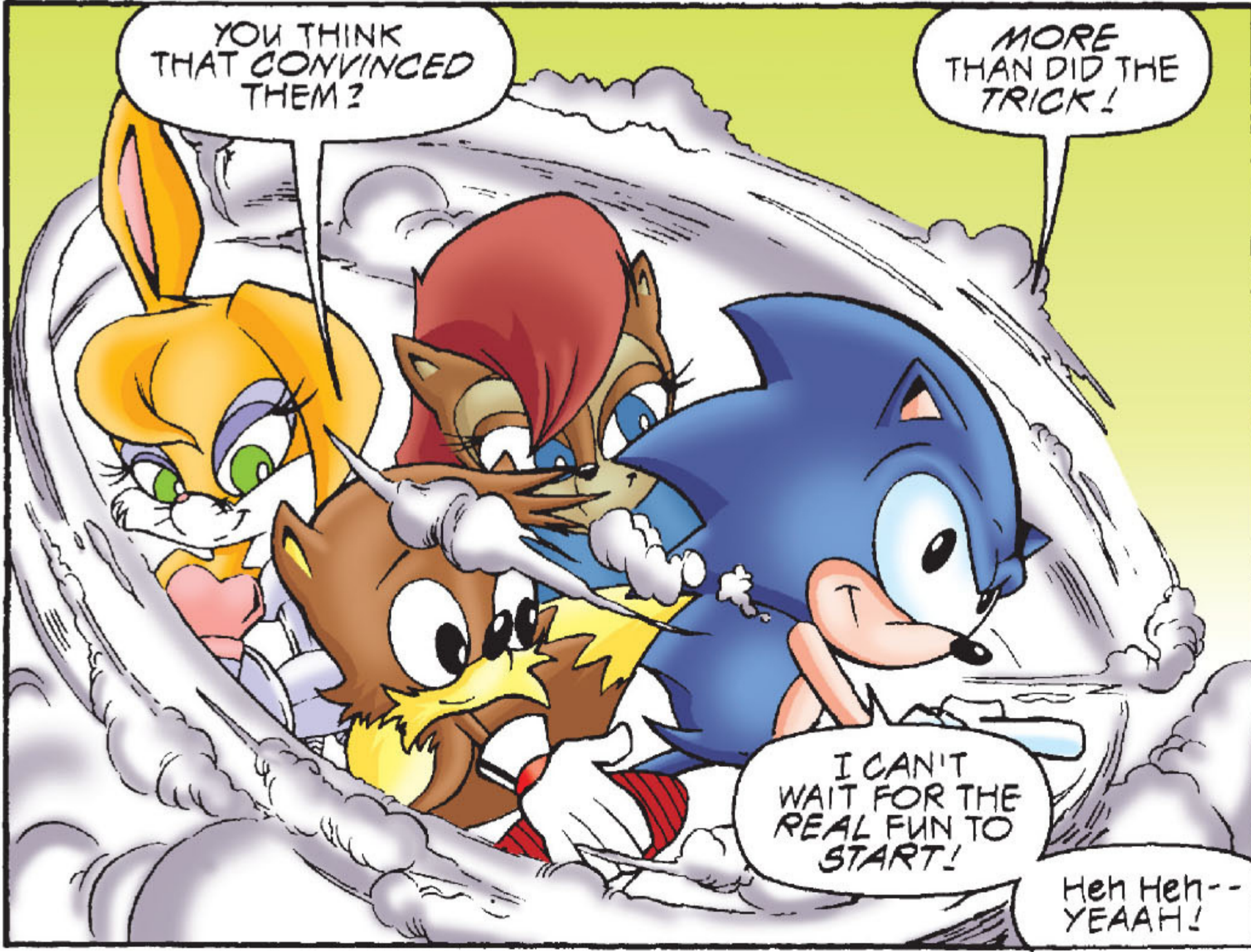
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?
KNUCKLES
ONLY JUST
FOUND IT!



I WAS
GOING TO HAND
DELIVER IT ANY
DAY!

YEAH,
RIGHT!

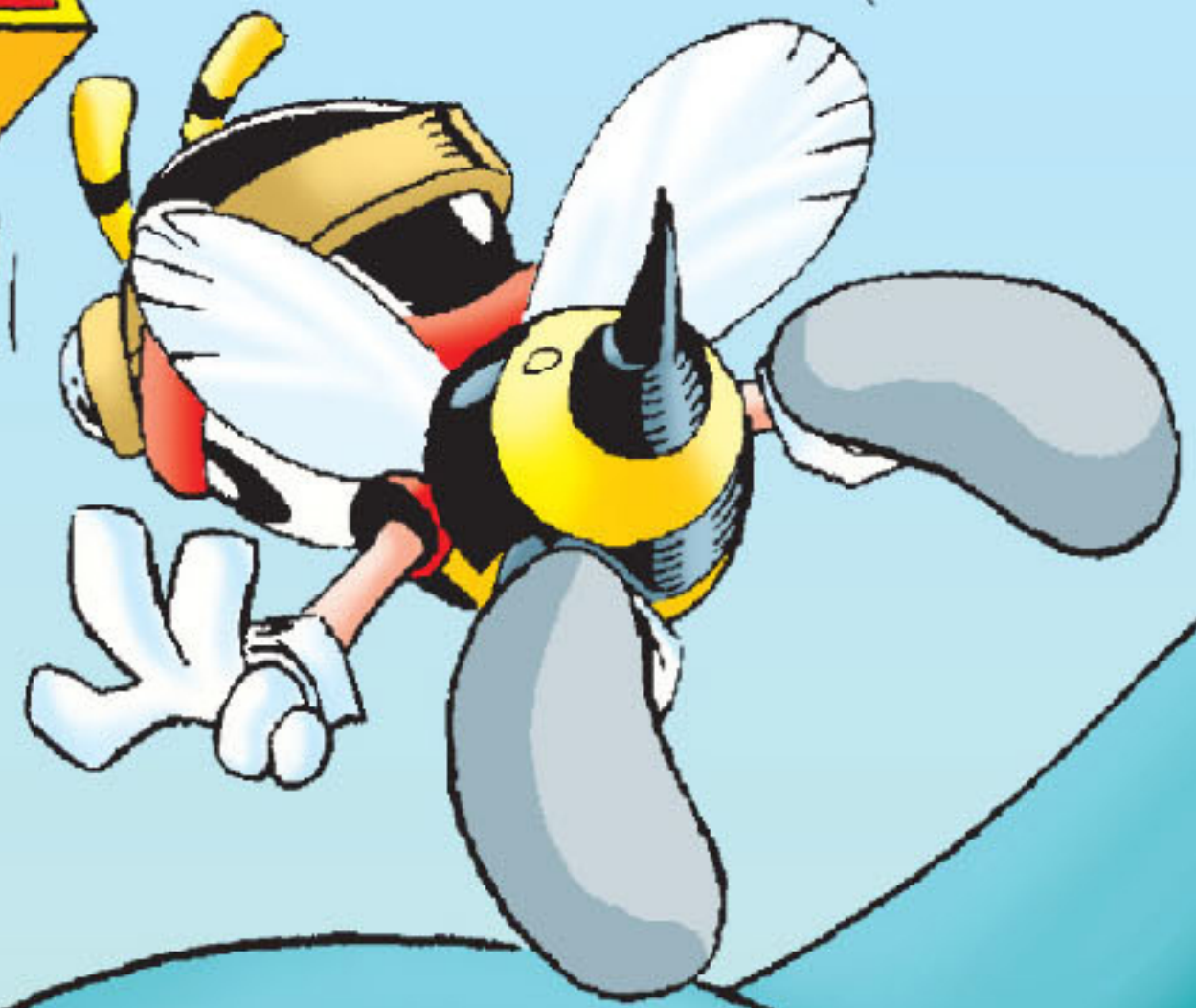




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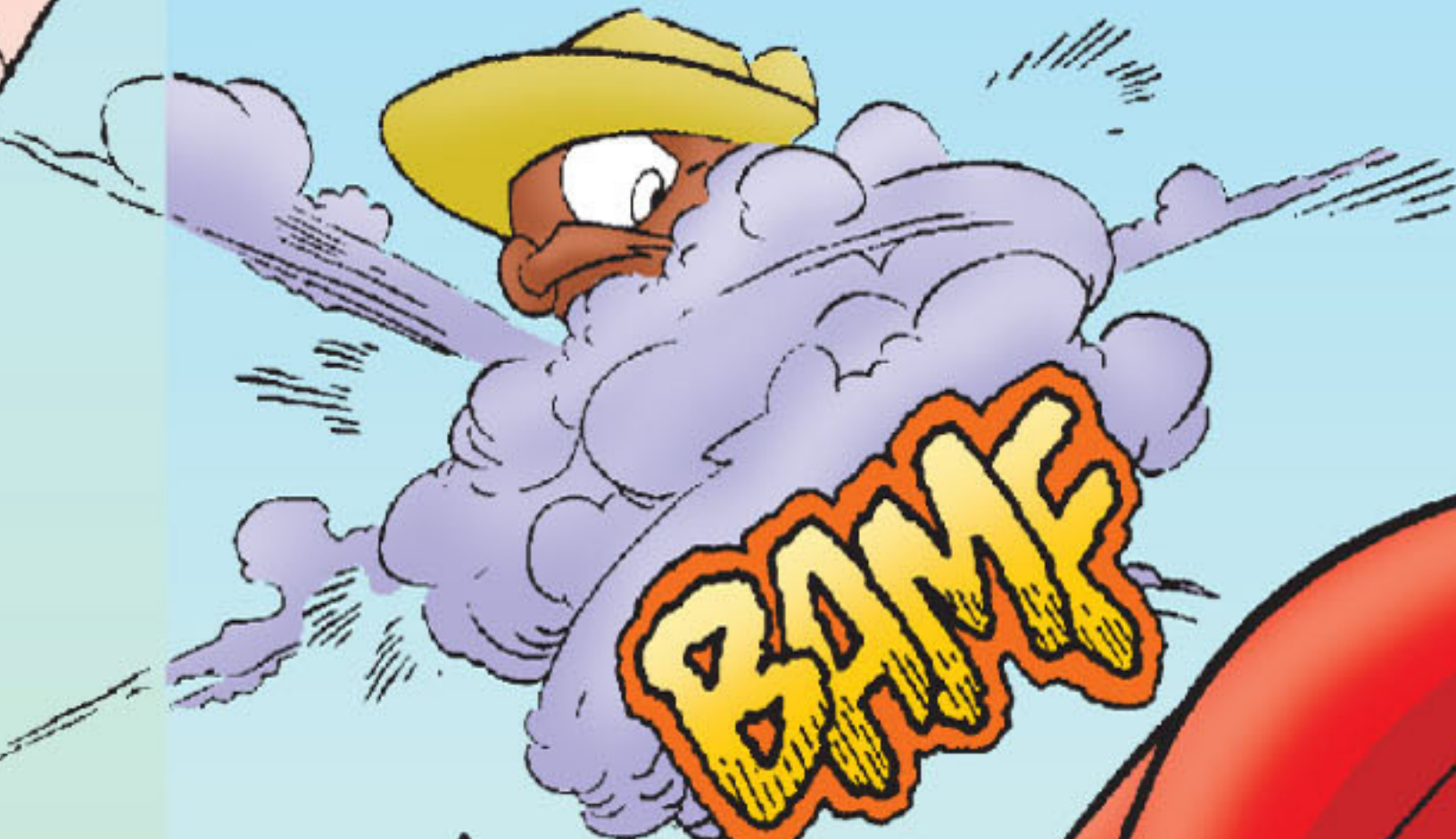
PART TWO

THIS IS IT, YOU FINKS!



I CAN SEE BOYS WILL BE BOYS!

THIS CALLS FOR SAFER HEADS!

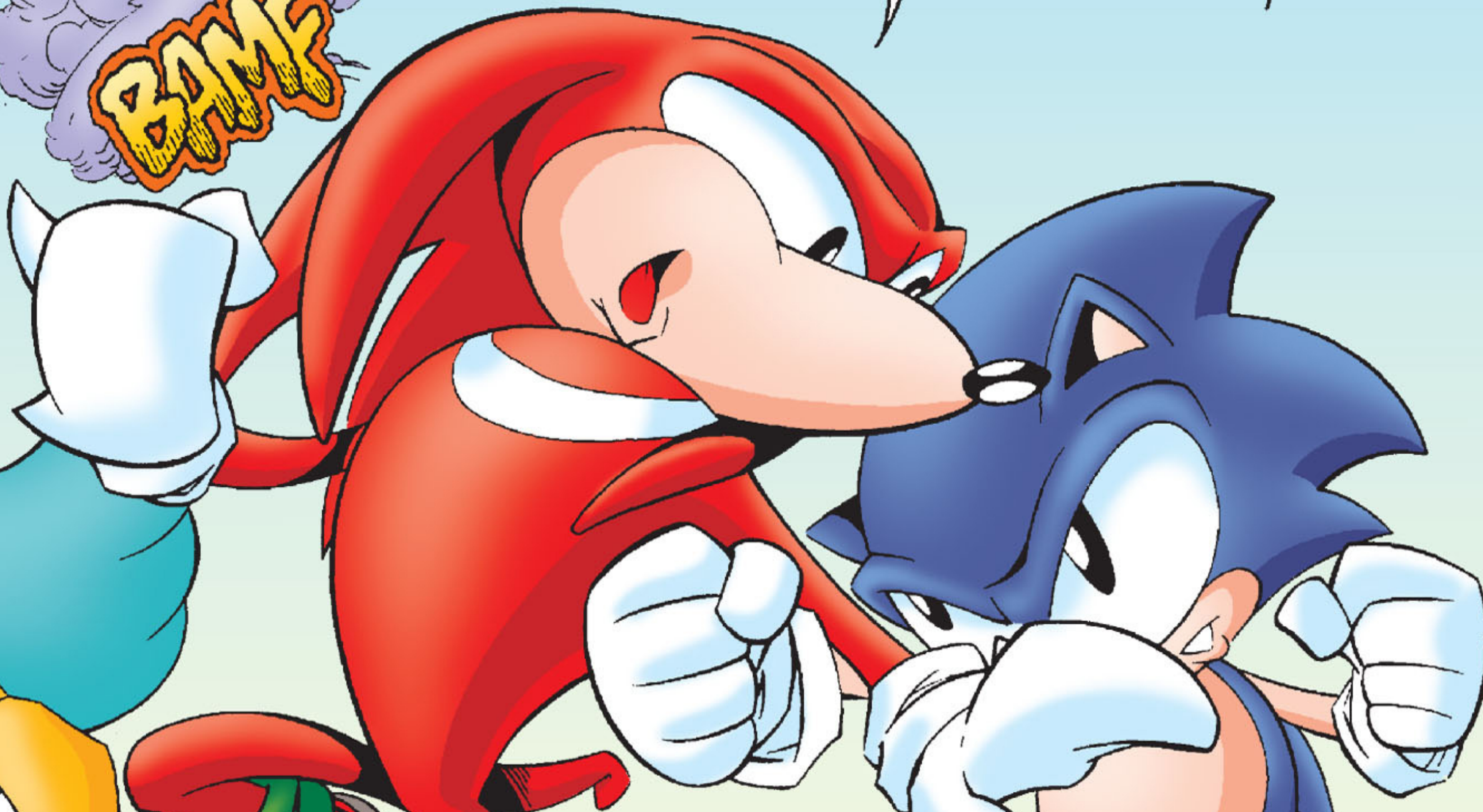


IF THERE'S ONE THING I REALLY HATE--

--IT'S CHISELERS WHO GO BACK ON THEIR WORD!

YOU'VE LOST IT! YOU'VE TOTALLY LOST IT!

EITHER THAT-- OR YOU'VE ONE BIG DEATH WISH!



YOU CAN'T KICK US FREEDOM FIGHTERS AROUND AND GET AWAY WITH IT!



SONIC! WAIT!

OH, THIS IS HOPELESS!

YO, BOY! YOU BE THE ONE WHO DISSED US FIRST!



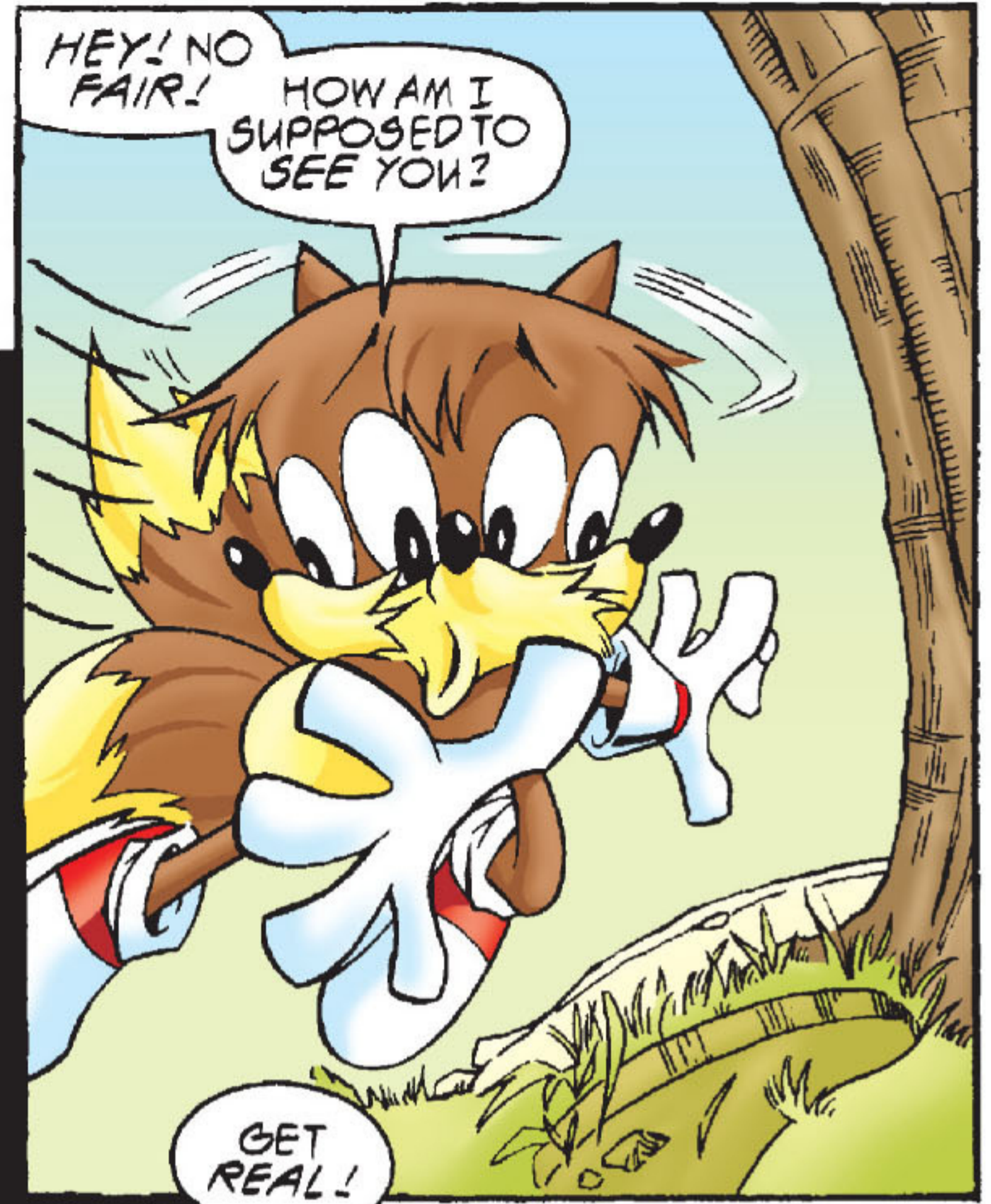
THIS IS PATHETIC!

G'WAN BACK TO YOUR PLAYPEN, KID!

WHO ARE YOU CALLING "KID"?!?

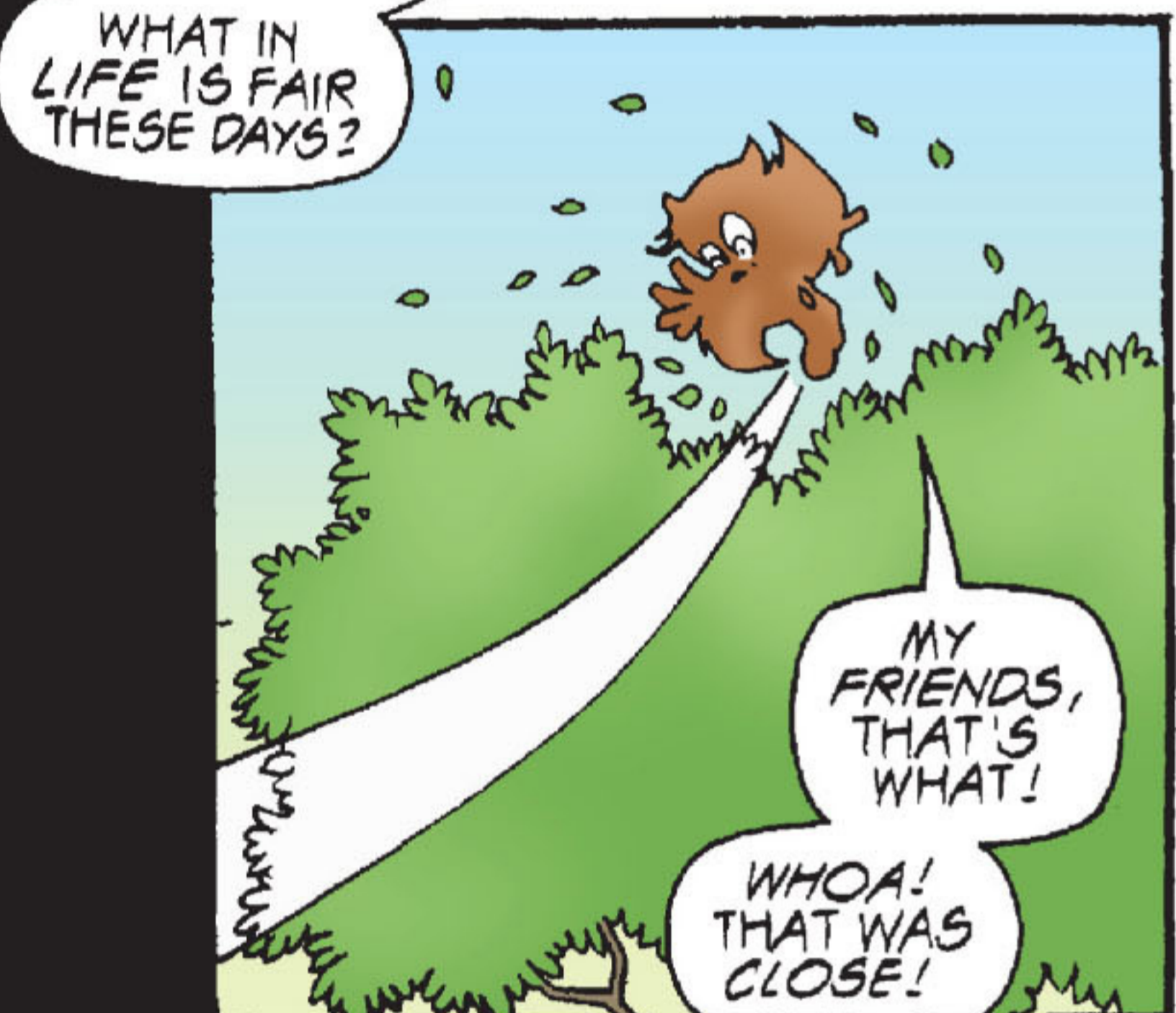
IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU BOYS, AH'D RATHAH MAKE LOVE, NOT WAR!

SEEMS TO ME YOU'VE A FUNNY WAY OF SHOWING IT!



HEY! NO FAIR! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO SEE YOU?

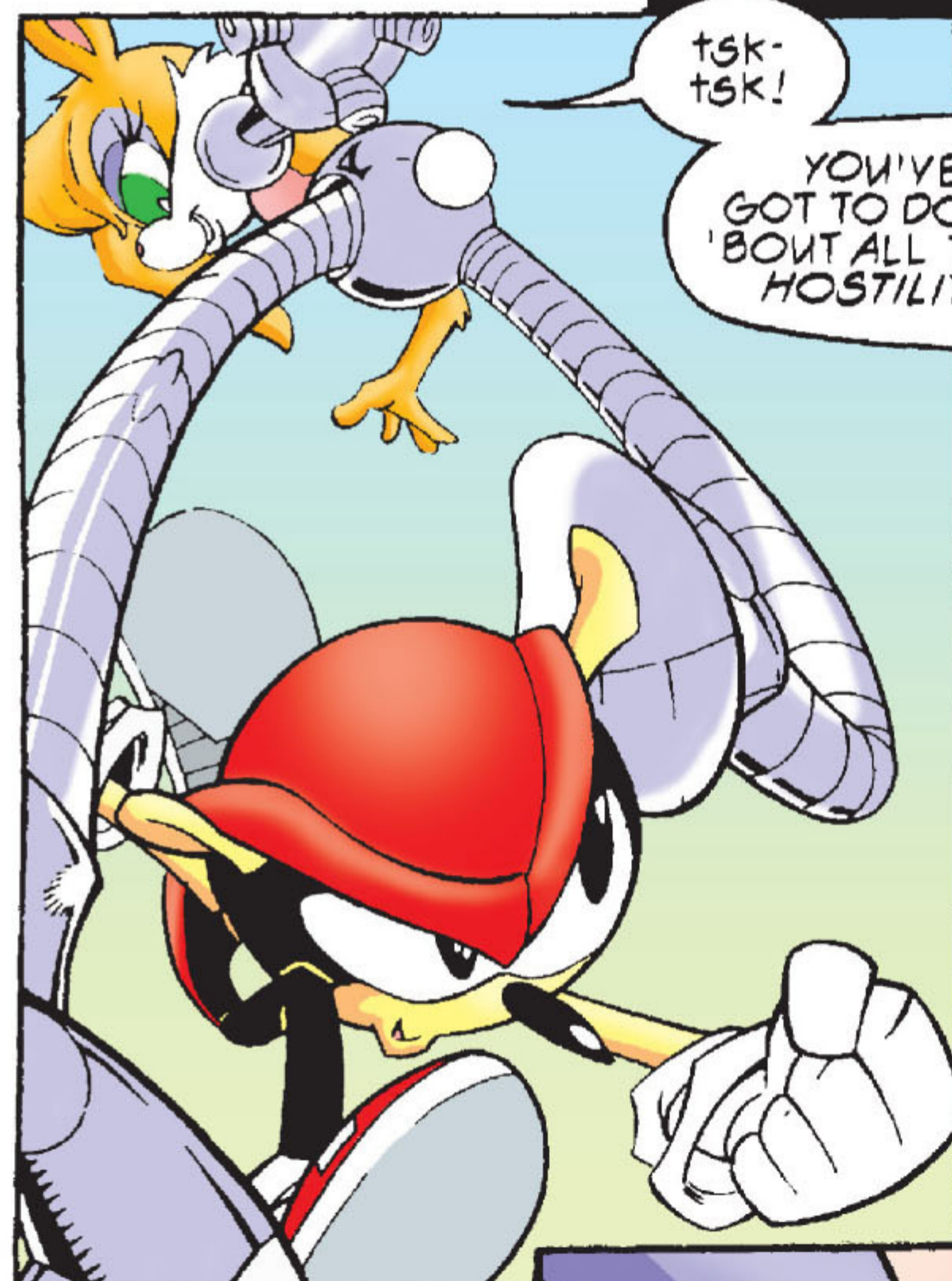
GET REAL!



WHAT IN LIFE IS FAIR THESE DAYS?

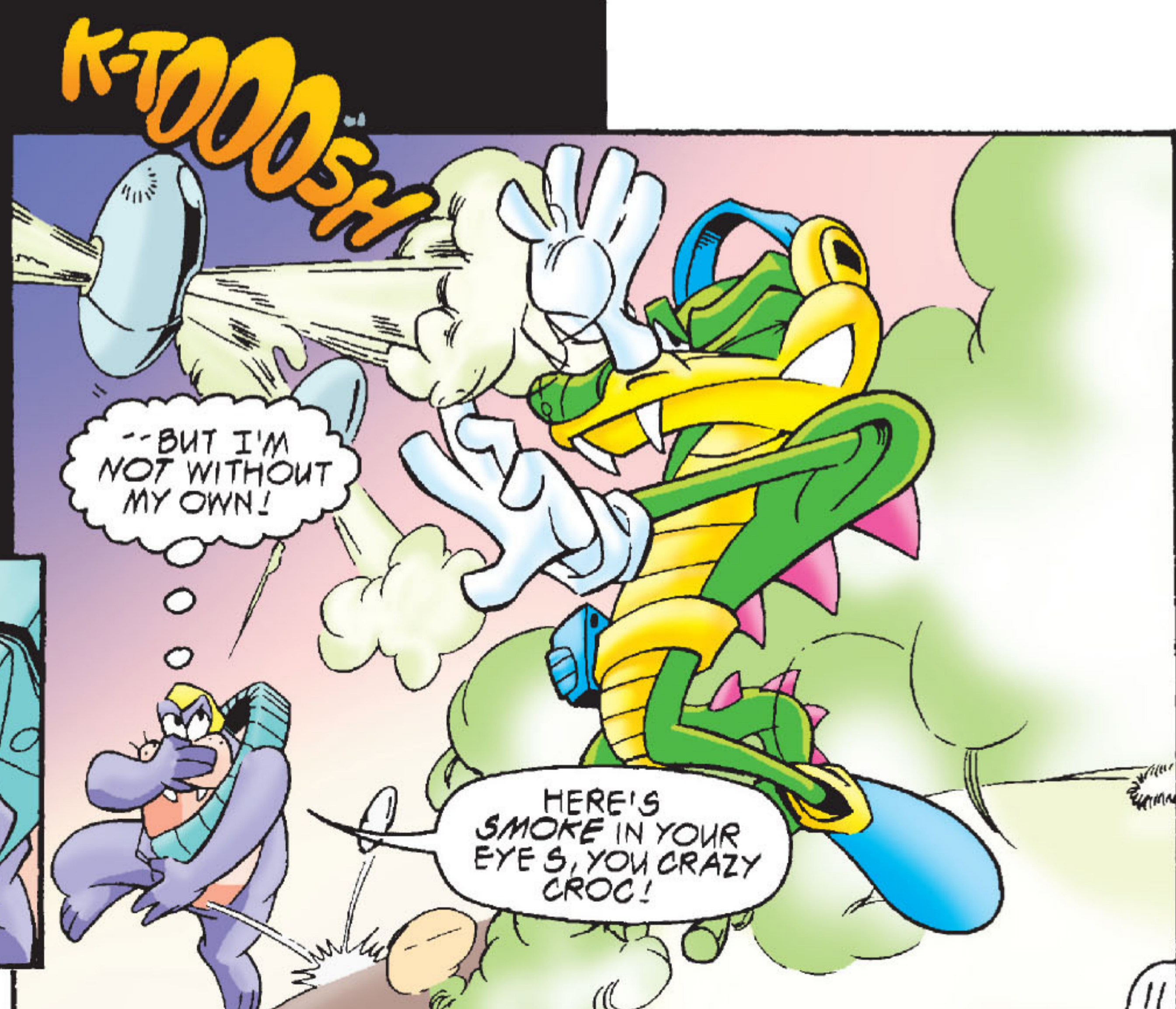
MY FRIENDS, THAT'S WHAT!

WHOA! THAT WAS CLOSE!



tsk-tsk!

YOU'VE REALLY GOT TO DO SOMETHIN' 'BOUT ALL THAT PENT-UP HOSTILITY, SUH-GAH!

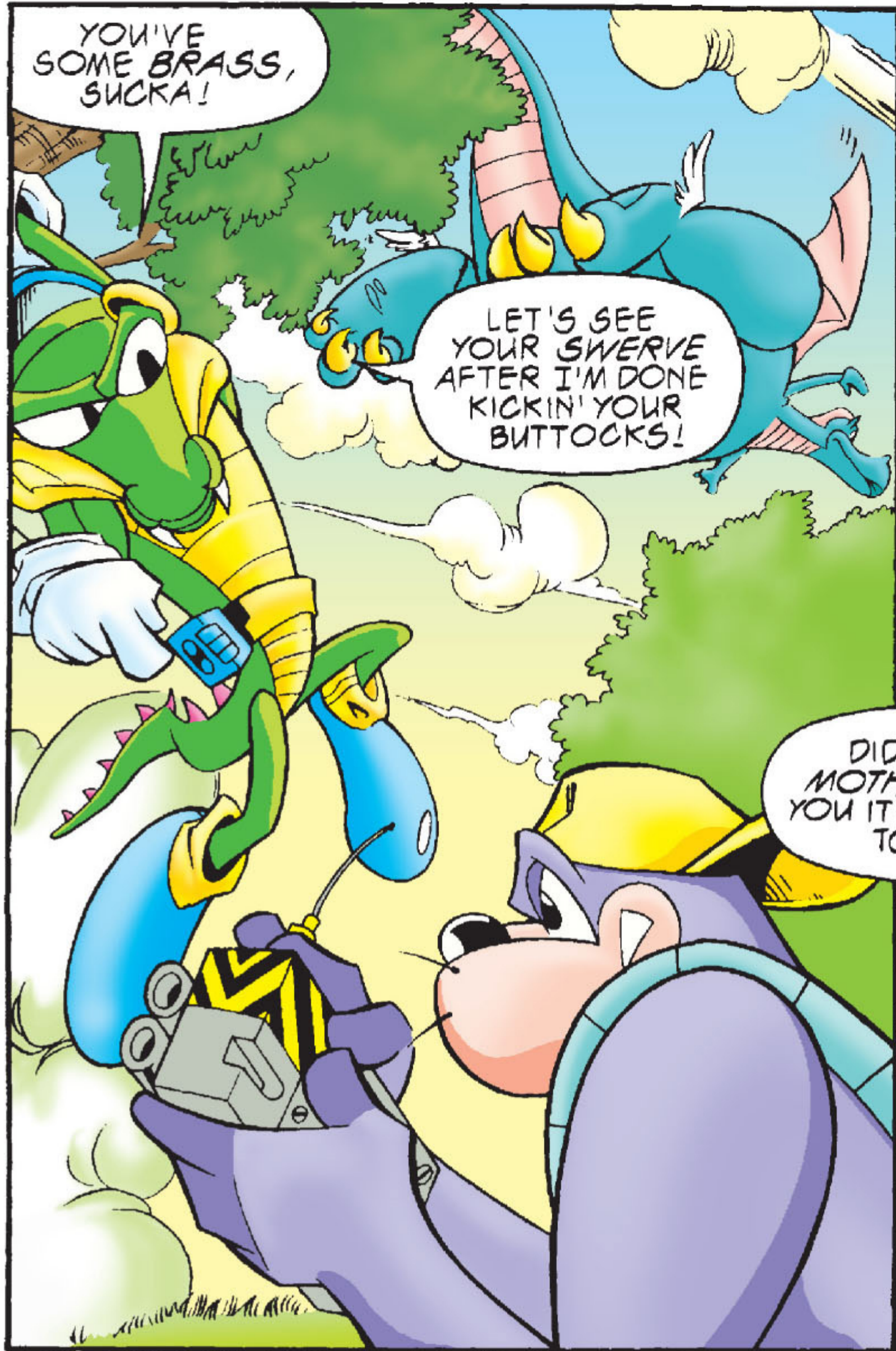


K-TOOOSH

-- BUT I'M NOT WITHOUT MY OWN!

HERE'S SMOKE IN YOUR EYES, YOU CRAZY CROC!

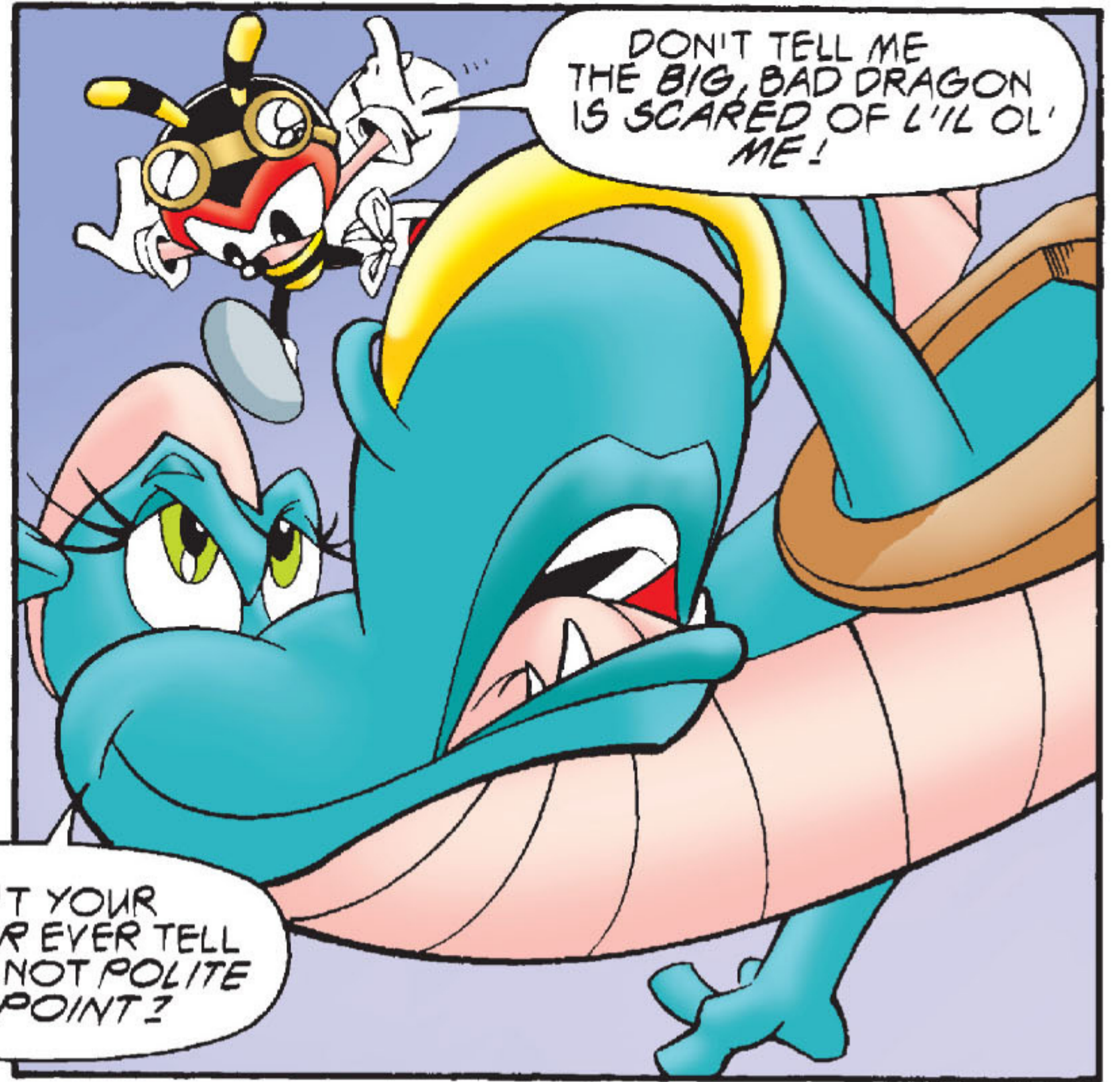
TAILS AND BUNNIE MIGHT HAVE THEIR OWN SPECIAL ABILITIES--



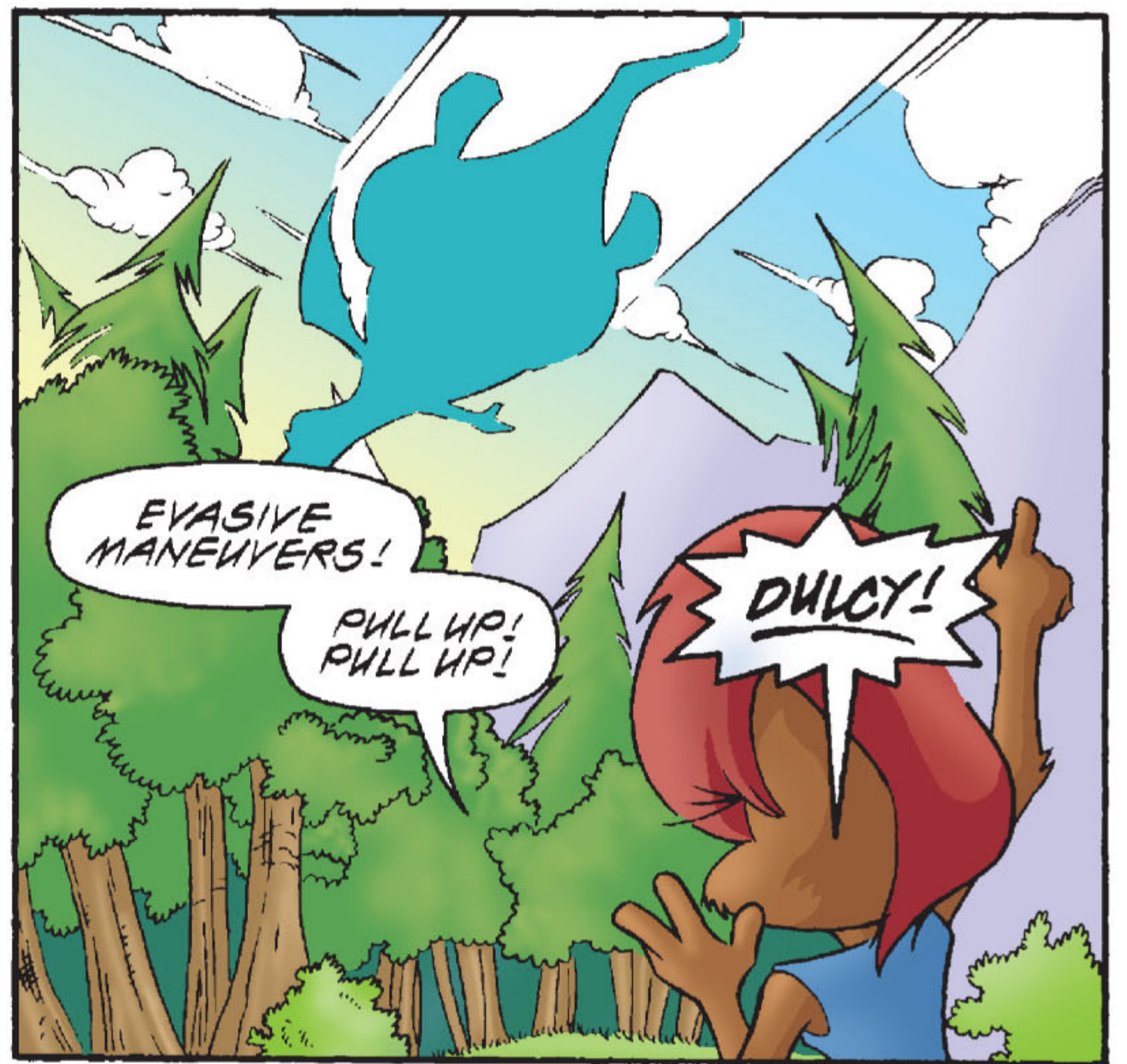
YOU'VE SOME BRASS, SUCKA!

LET'S SEE YOUR SWERVE AFTER I'M DONE KICKIN' YOUR BUTTOCKS!

DIDN'T YOUR MOTHER EVER TELL YOU IT'S NOT POLITE TO POINT?



DON'T TELL ME THE BIG, BAD DRAGON IS SCARED OF L'IL OL' ME!



EVASIVE MANEUVERS!

PULL UP! PULL UP!

DULCY!



I CAN'T-- --LOOK!

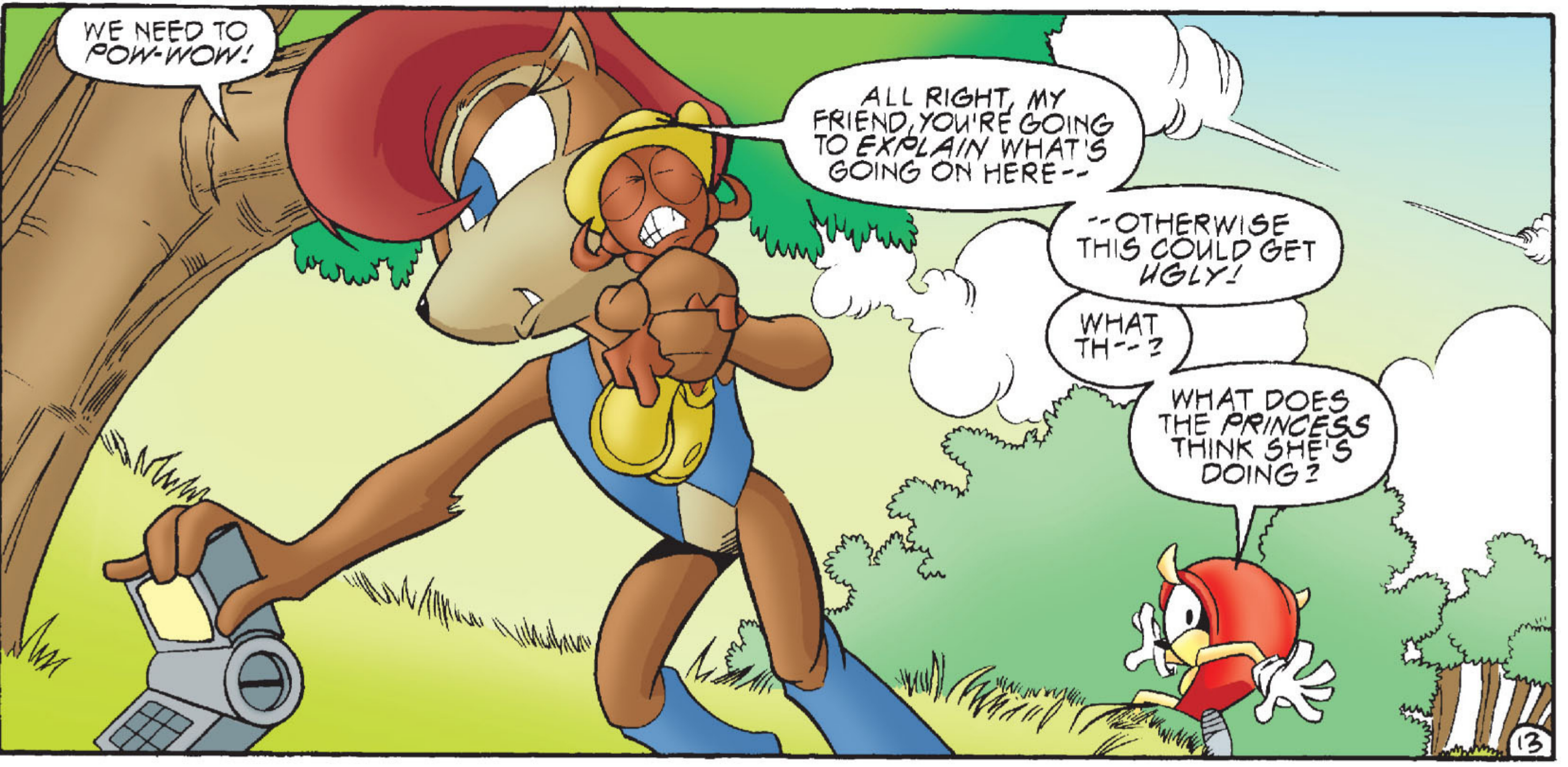
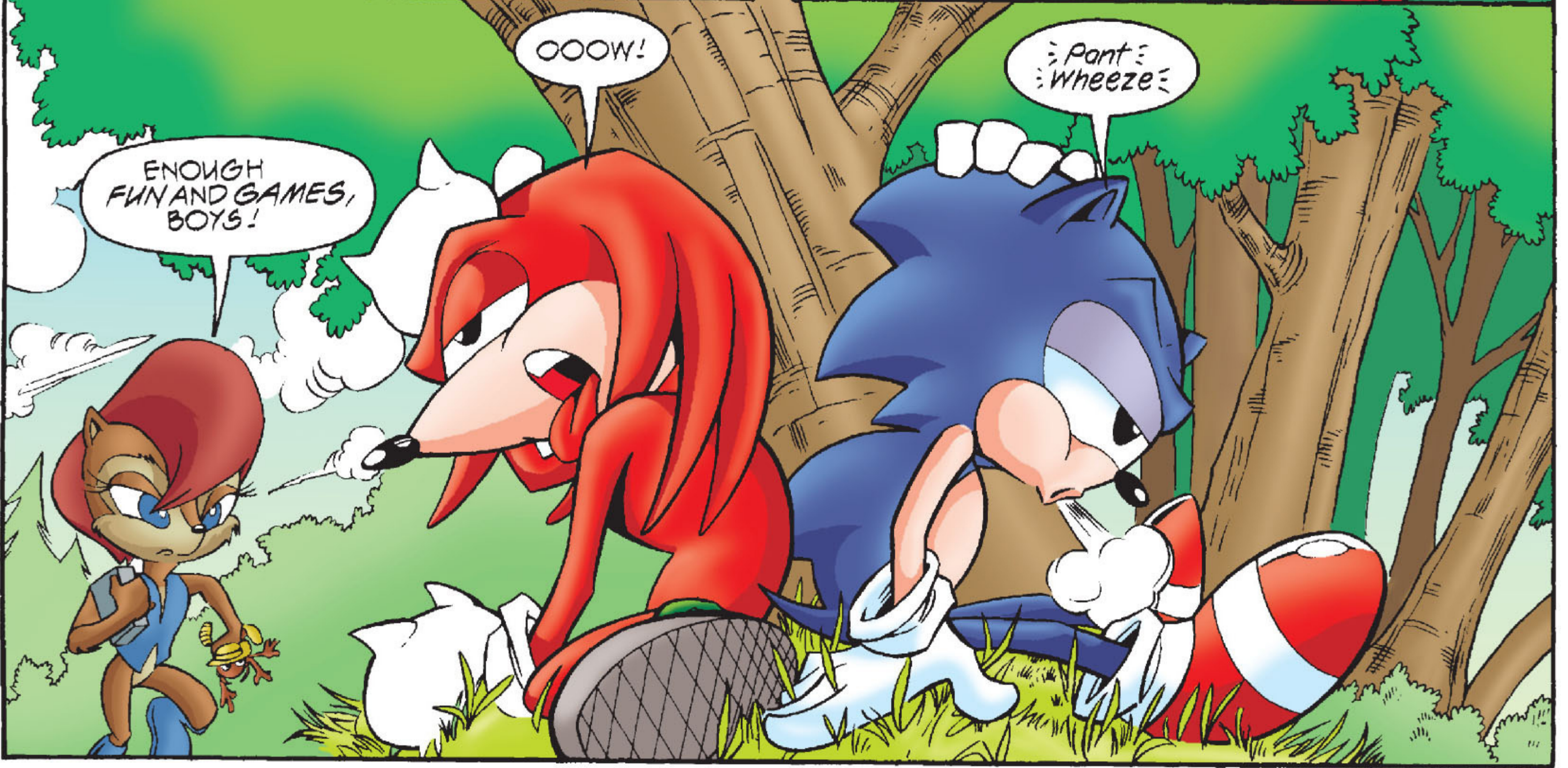
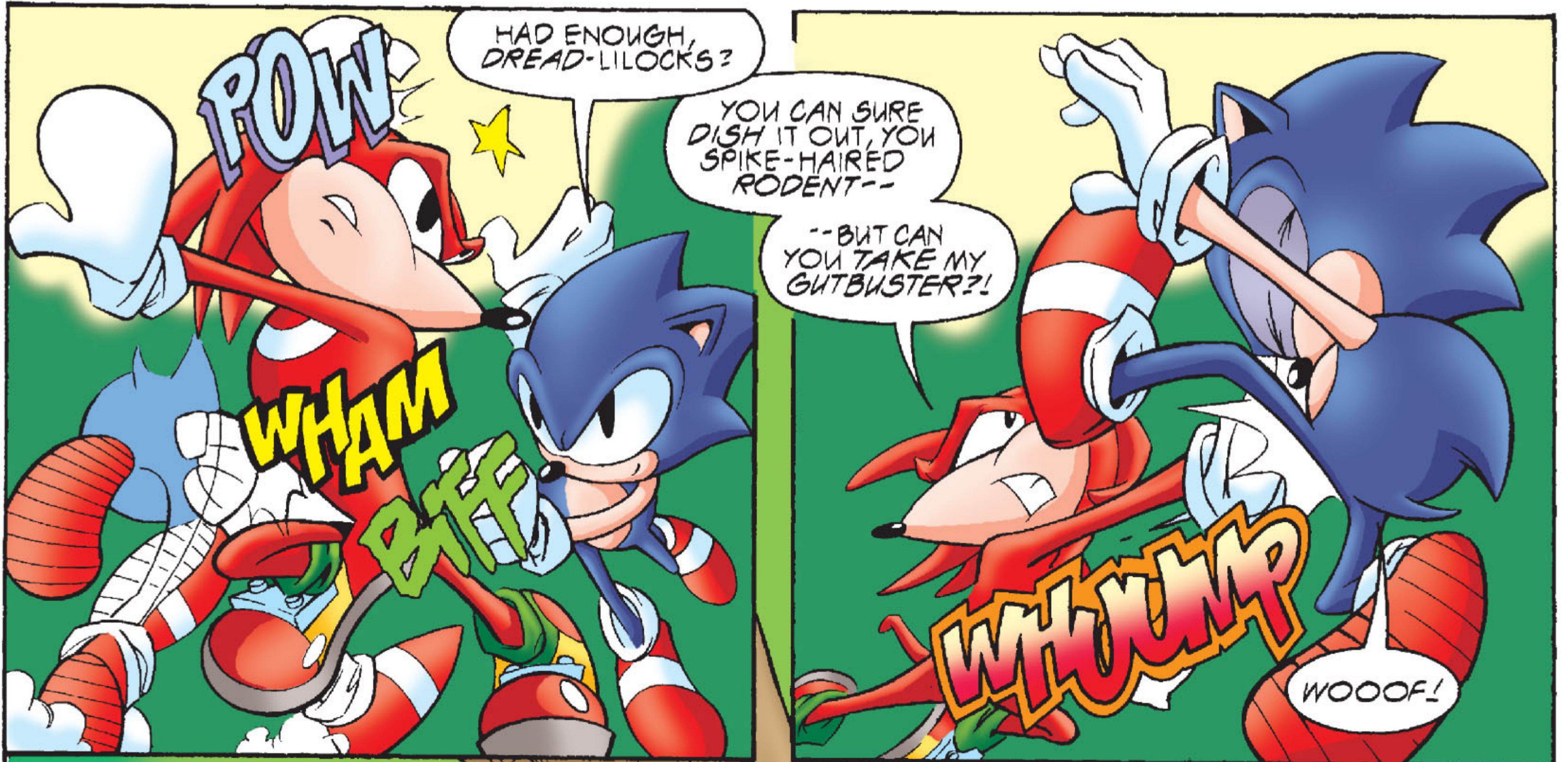
WHAT THIS SITUATION NEEDS IS CALM, COOL THINKING, PRINCESS--

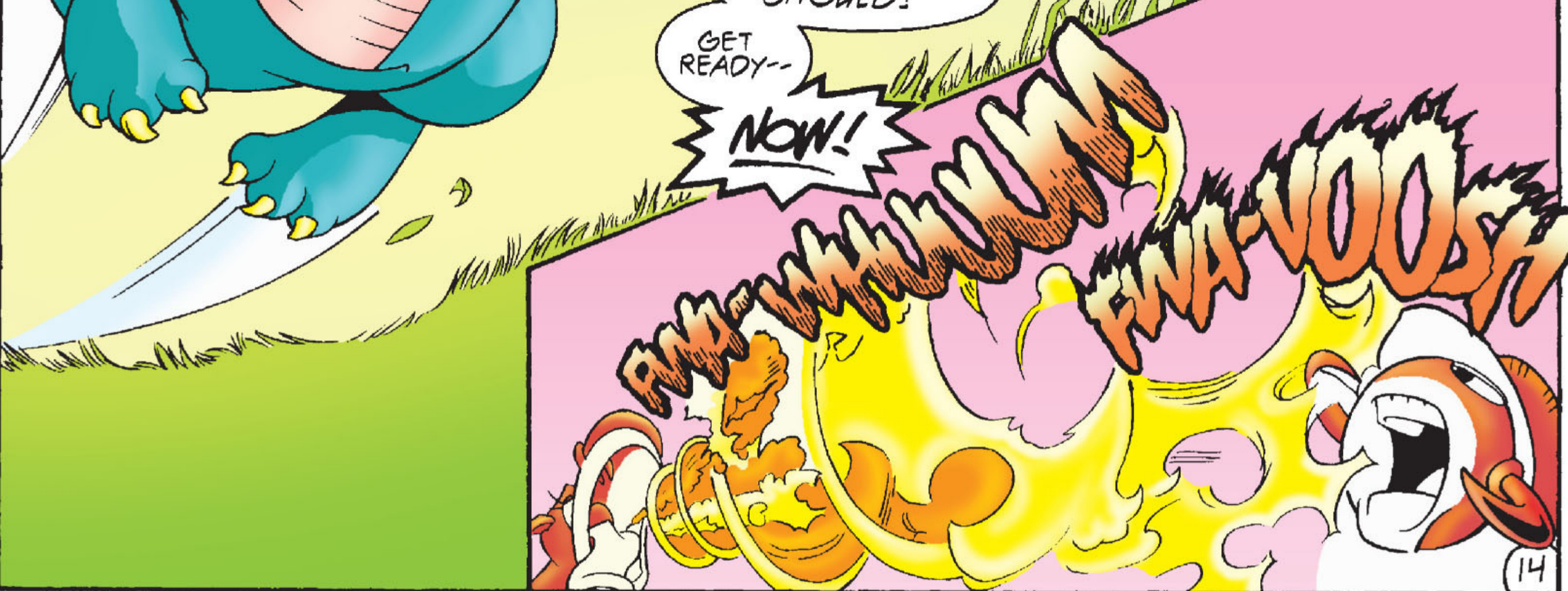
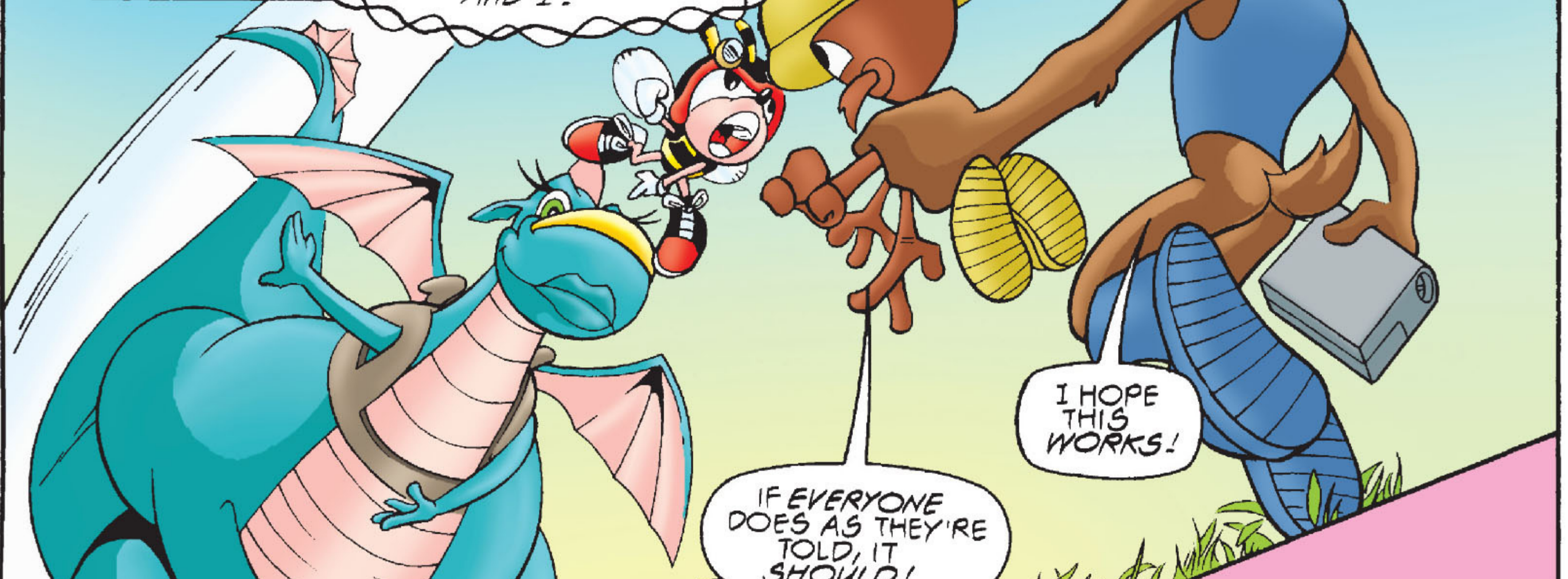
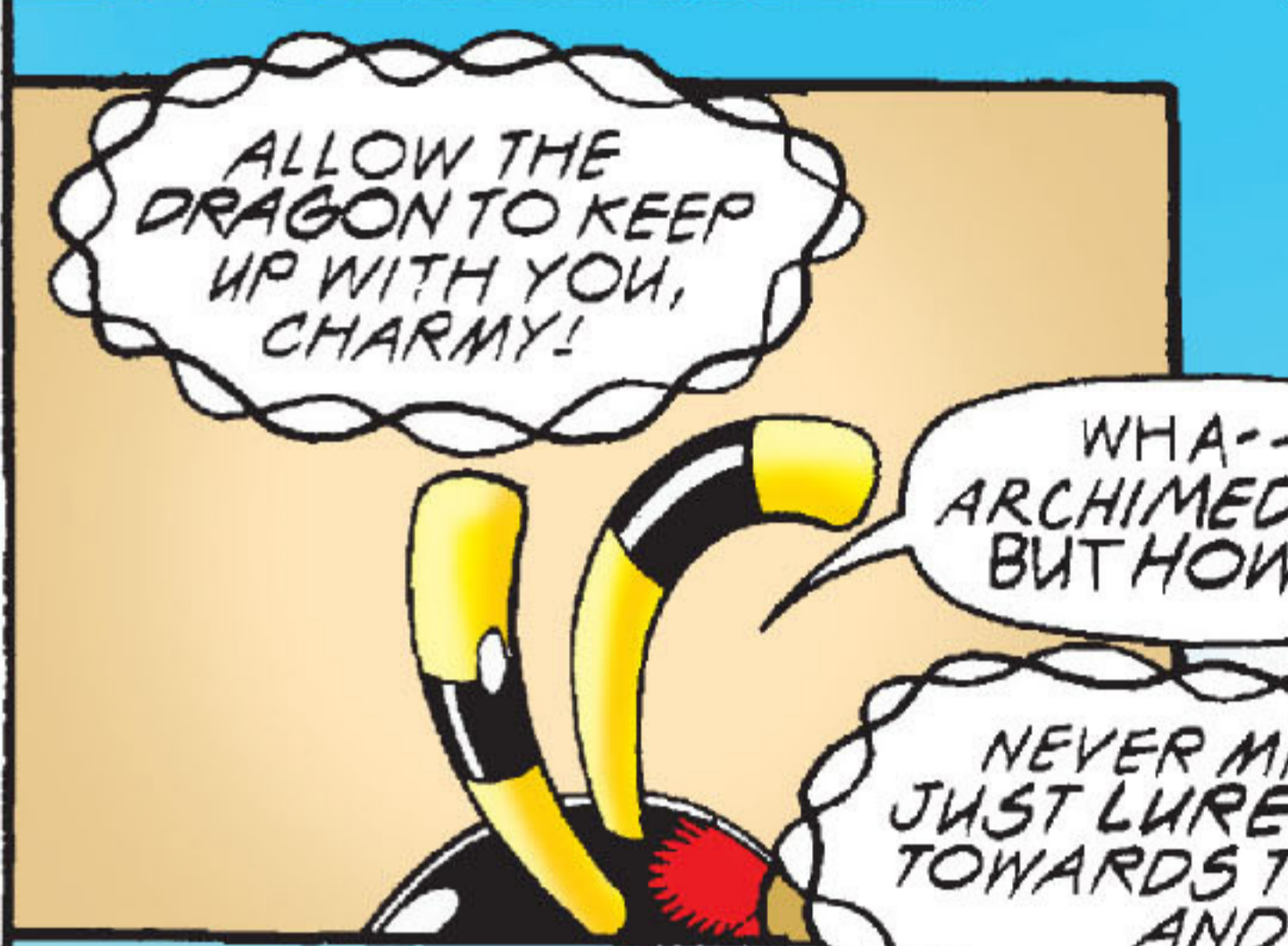
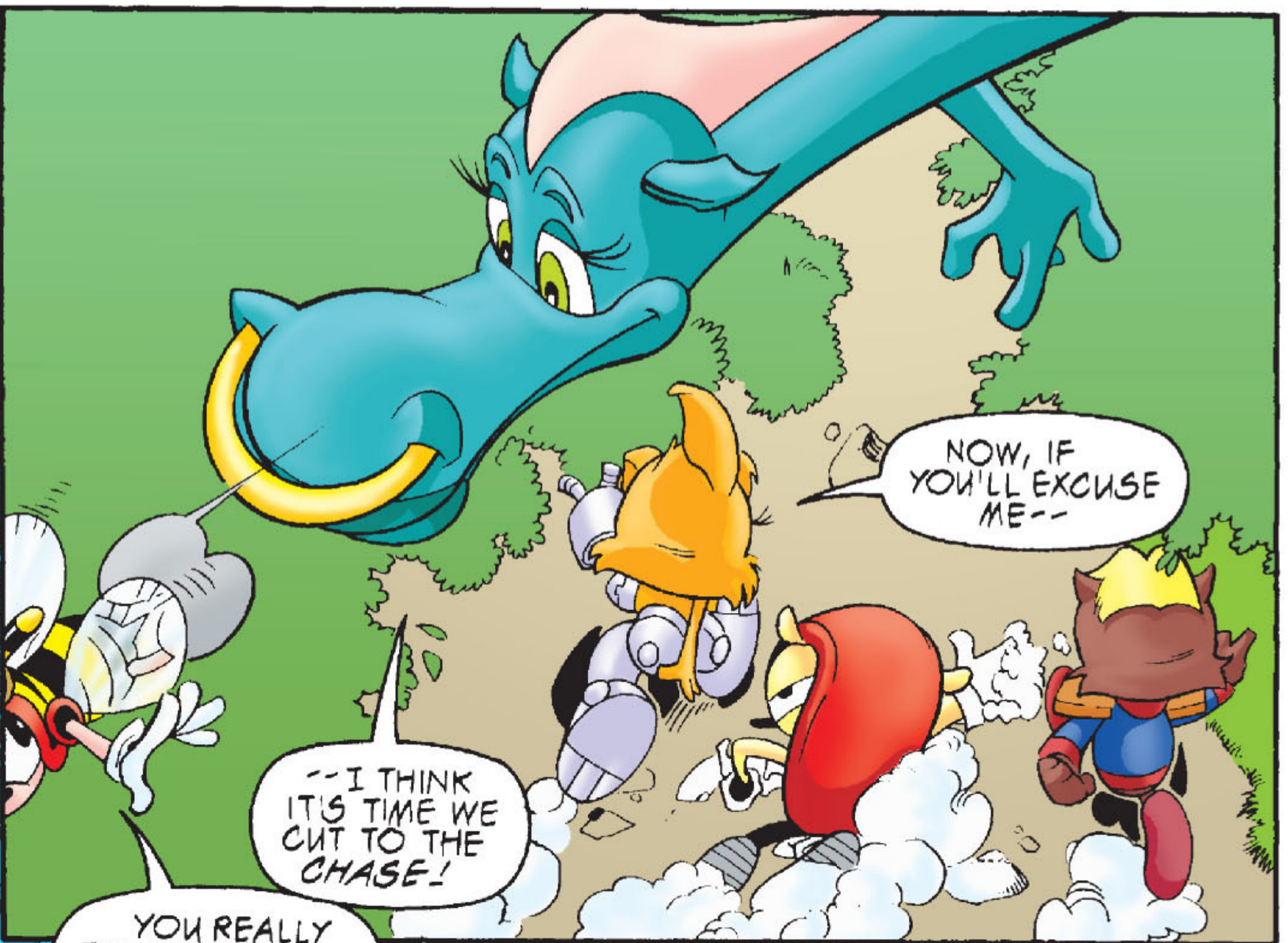


WHAK WHAK WHAK

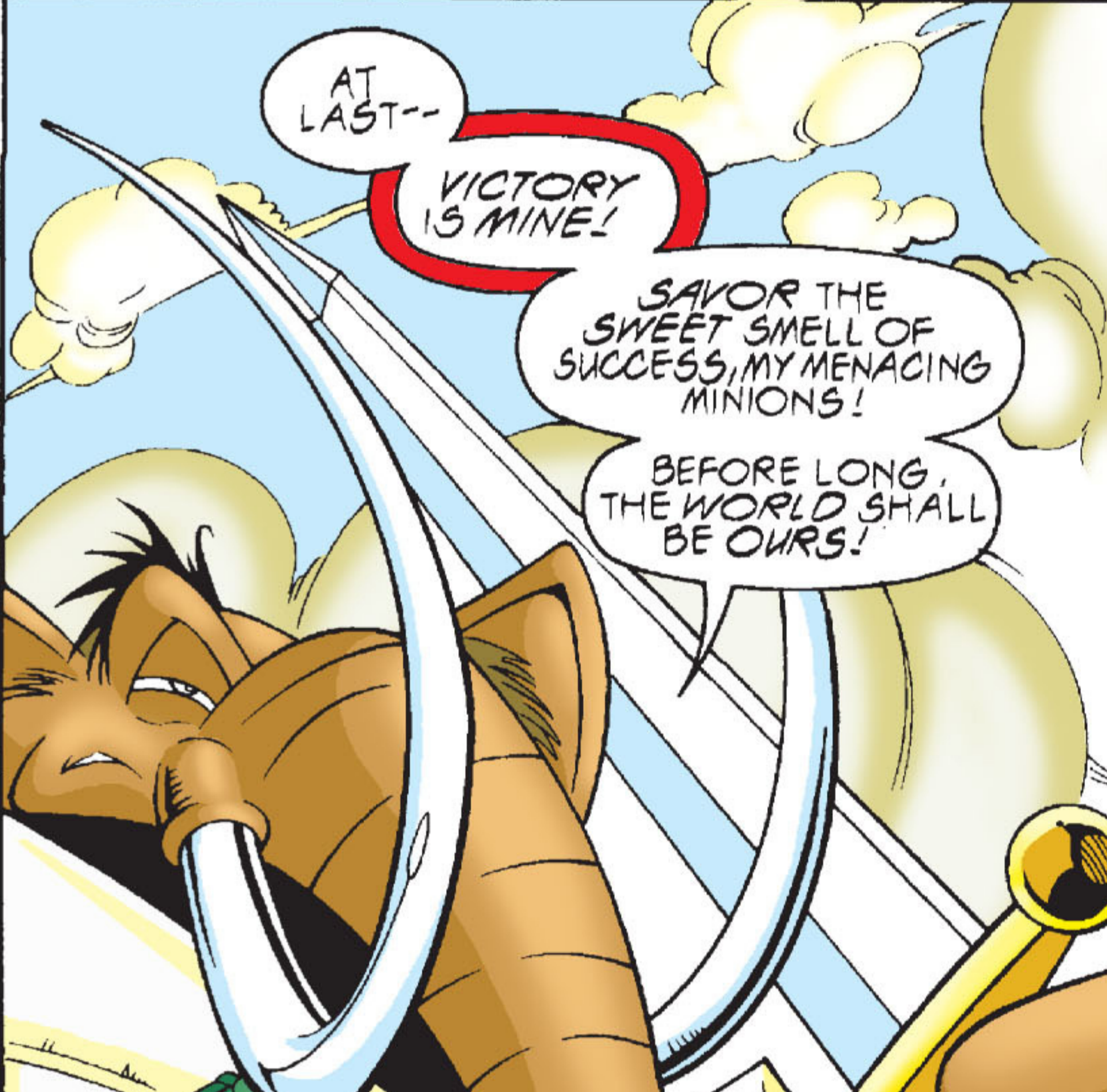
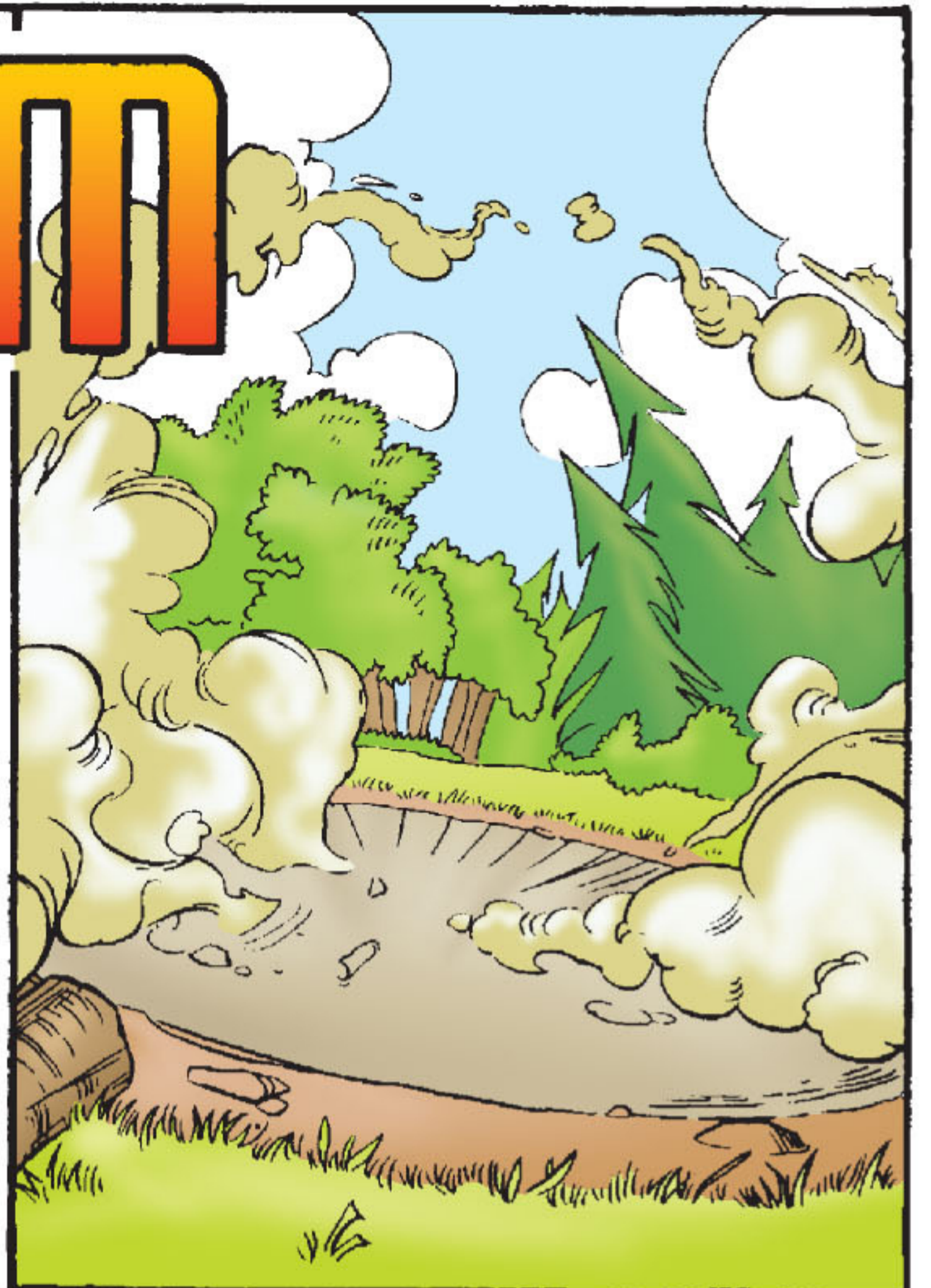
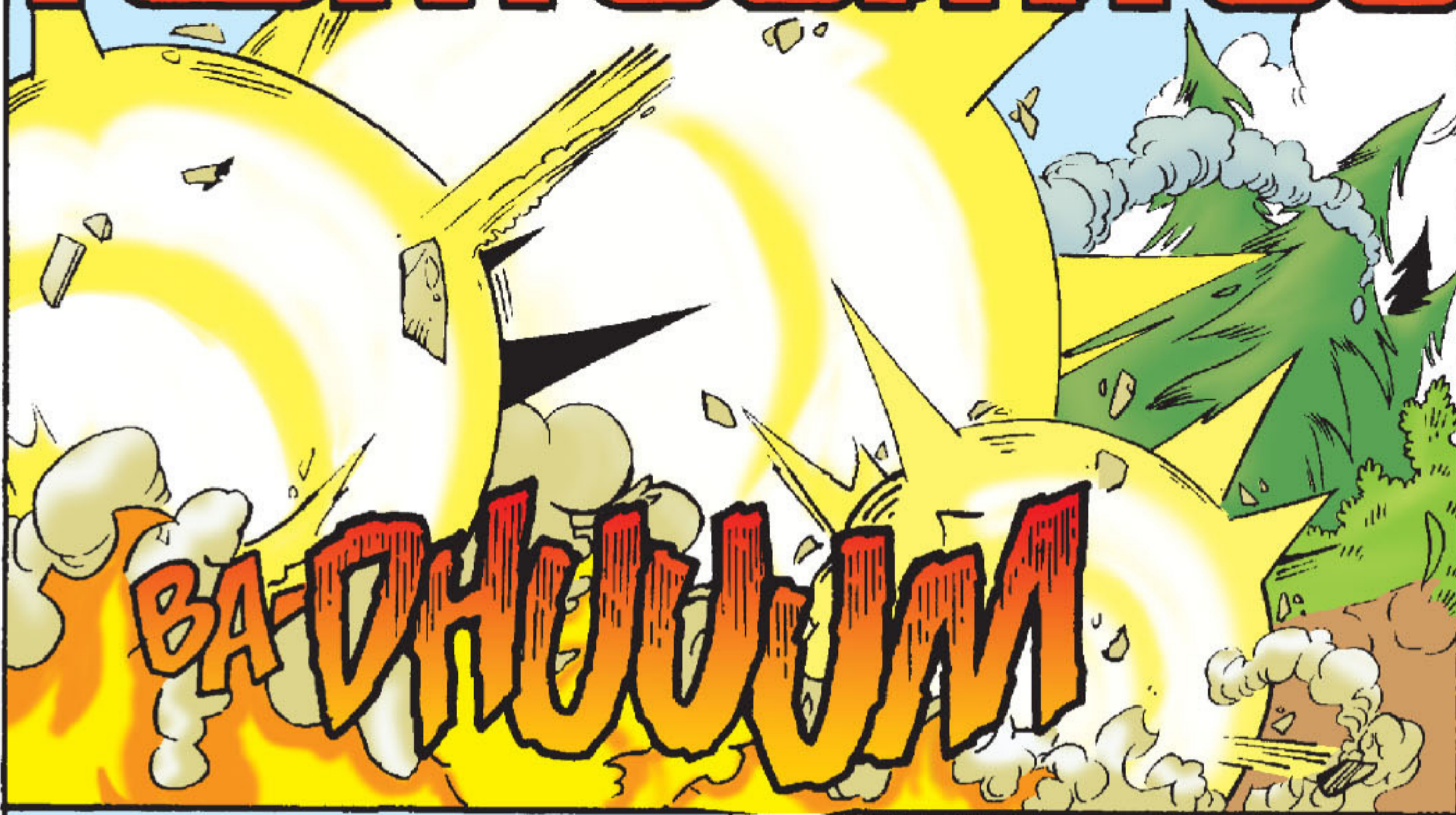
-- WOULDNT YOU AGREE?

EASIER SAID THAN DONE WITH THOSE TWO!





AWA TOOM TOOM

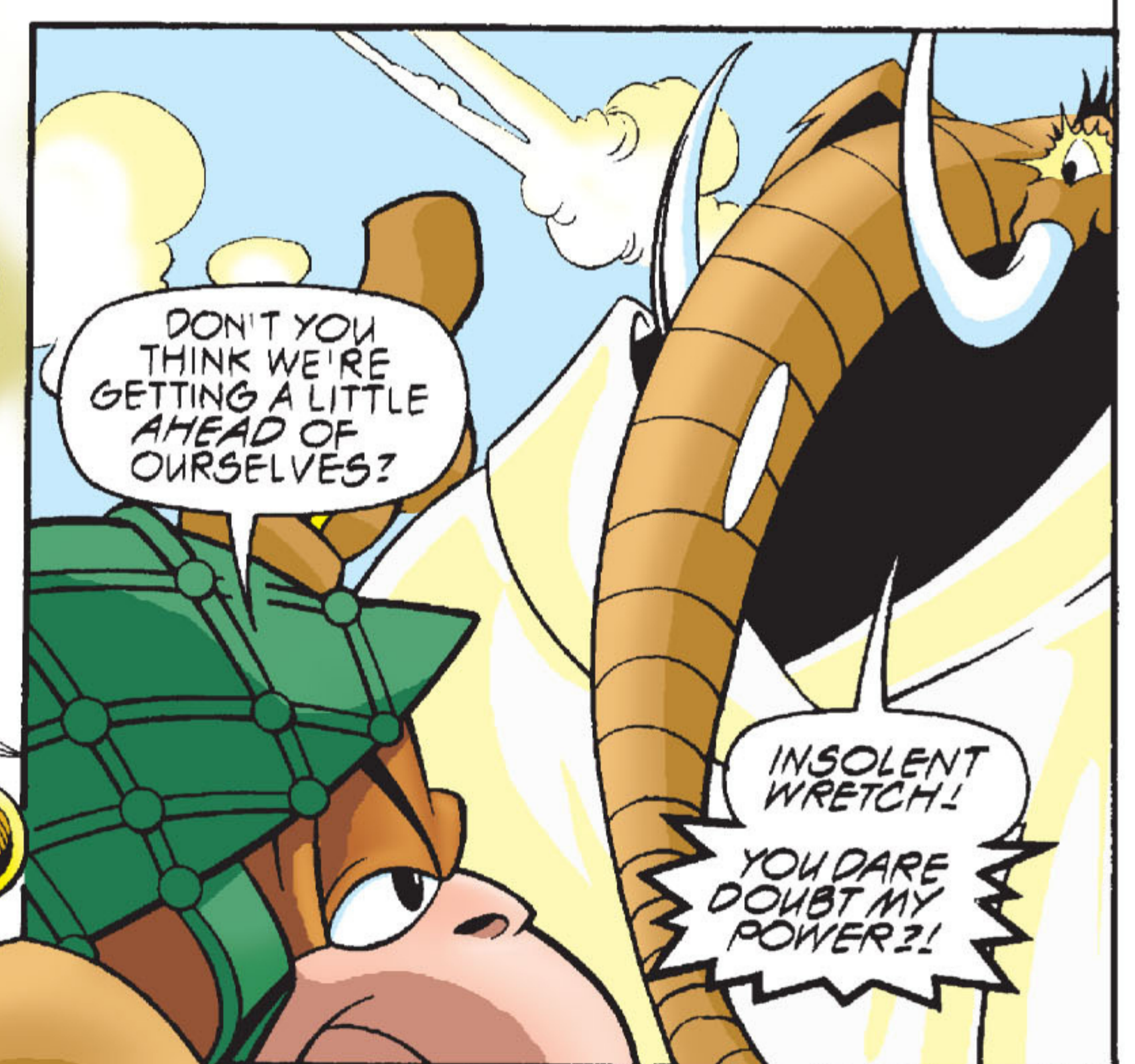


AT LAST--

VICTORY IS MINE!

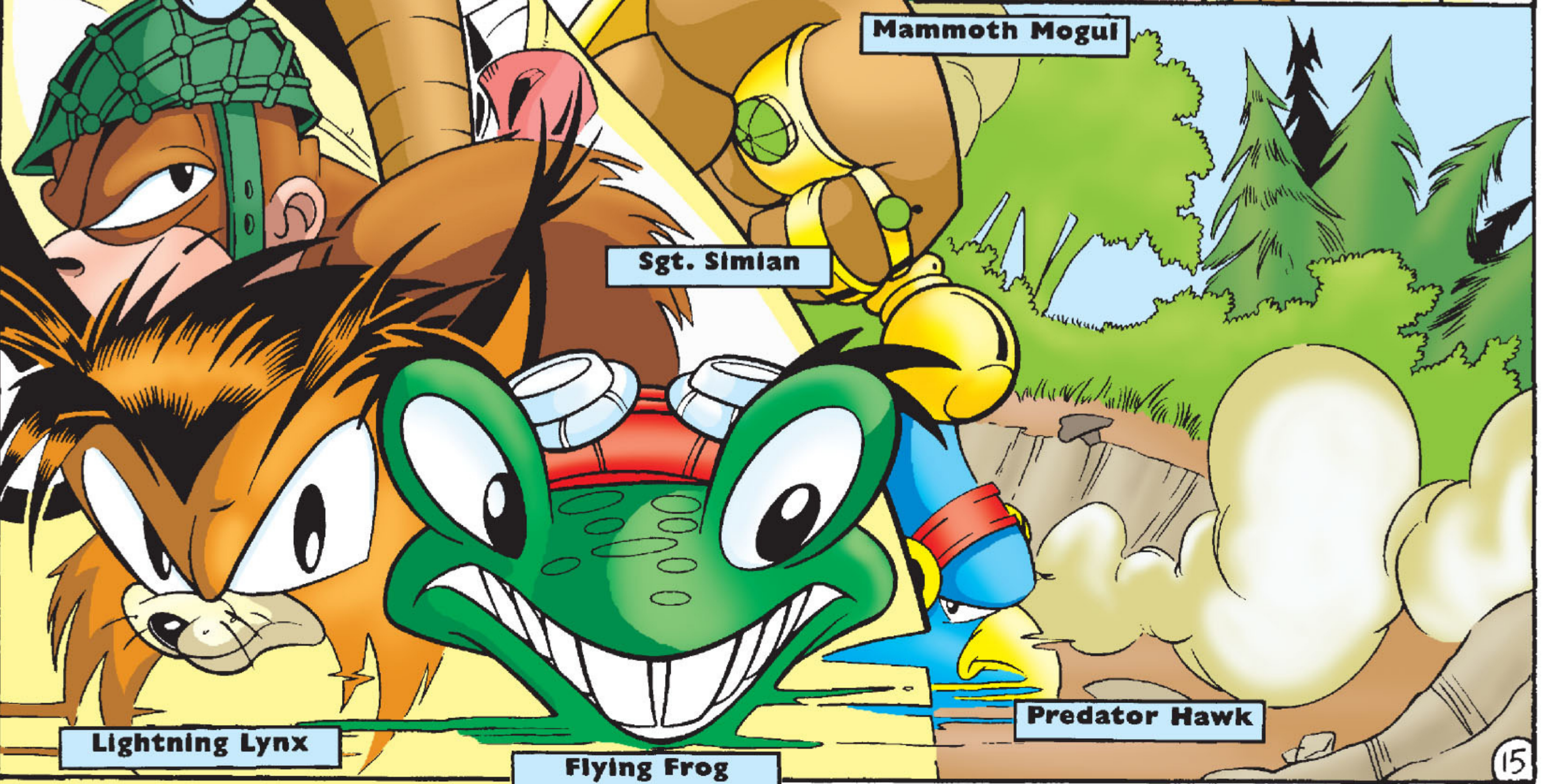
SAVOR THE SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS, MY MENACING MINIONS!

BEFORE LONG, THE WORLD SHALL BE OURS!



DON'T YOU THINK WE'RE GETTING A LITTLE AHEAD OF OURSELVES?

INSOLENT WRETCH!
YOU DARE DOUBT MY POWER?!



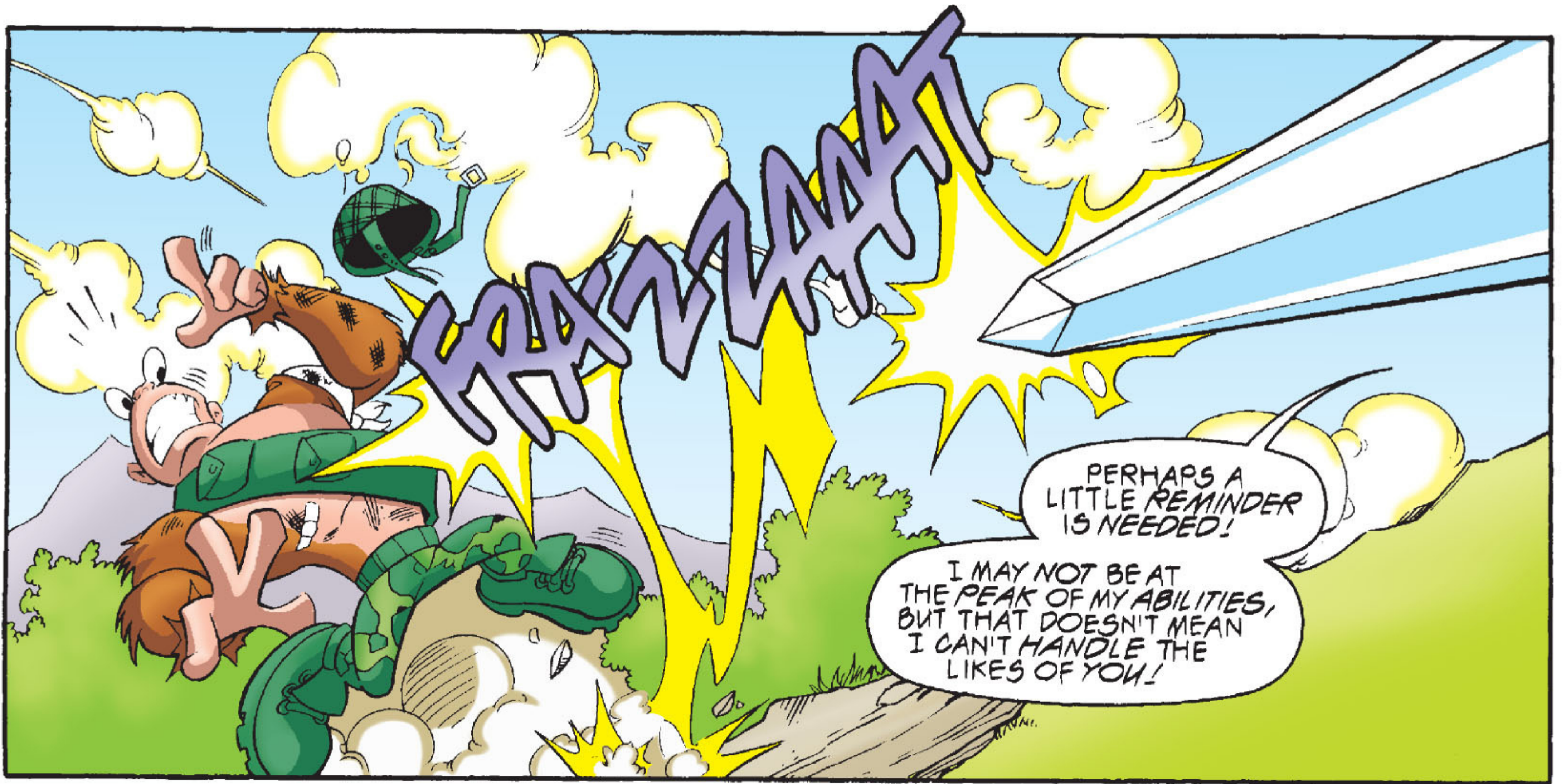
Mammoth Mogul

Sgt. Simian

Lightning Lynx

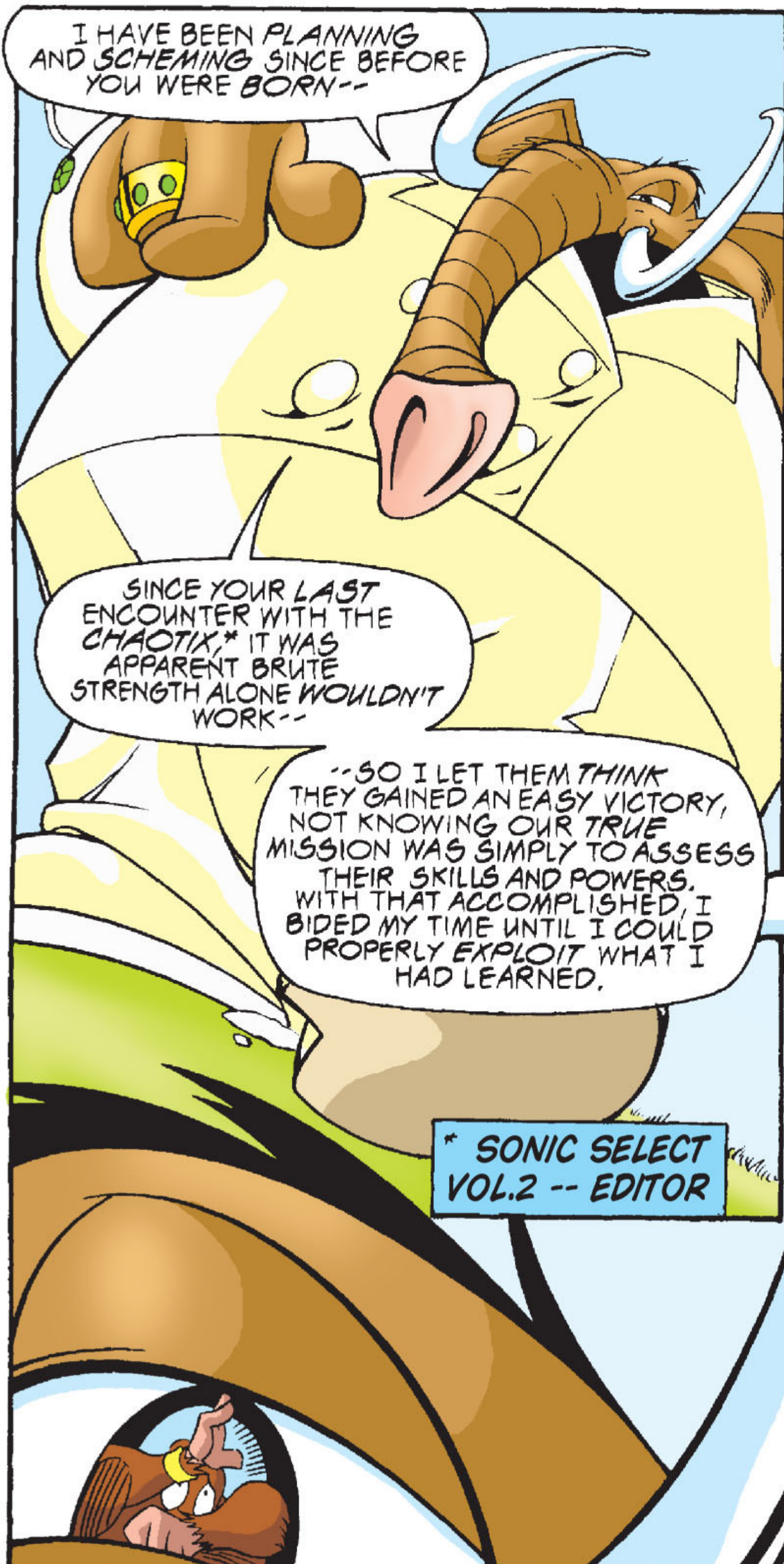
Flying Frog

Predator Hawk



PERHAPS A LITTLE REMINDER IS NEEDED!

I MAY NOT BE AT THE PEAK OF MY ABILITIES, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T HANDLE THE LIKES OF YOU!

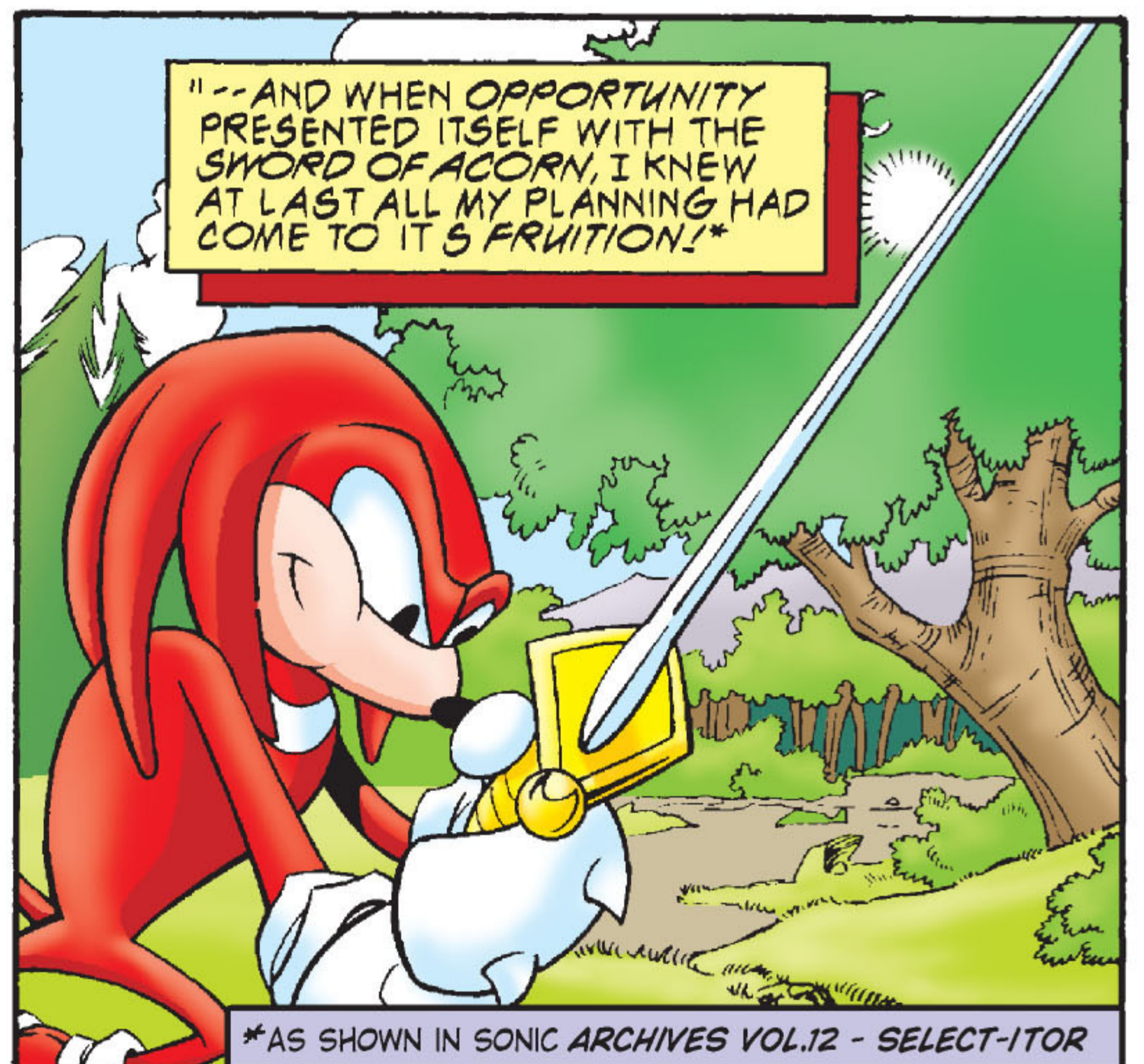


I HAVE BEEN PLANNING AND SCHEMING SINCE BEFORE YOU WERE BORN--

SINCE YOUR LAST ENCOUNTER WITH THE CHAOTIX,* IT WAS APPARENT BRUTE STRENGTH ALONE WOULDN'T WORK--

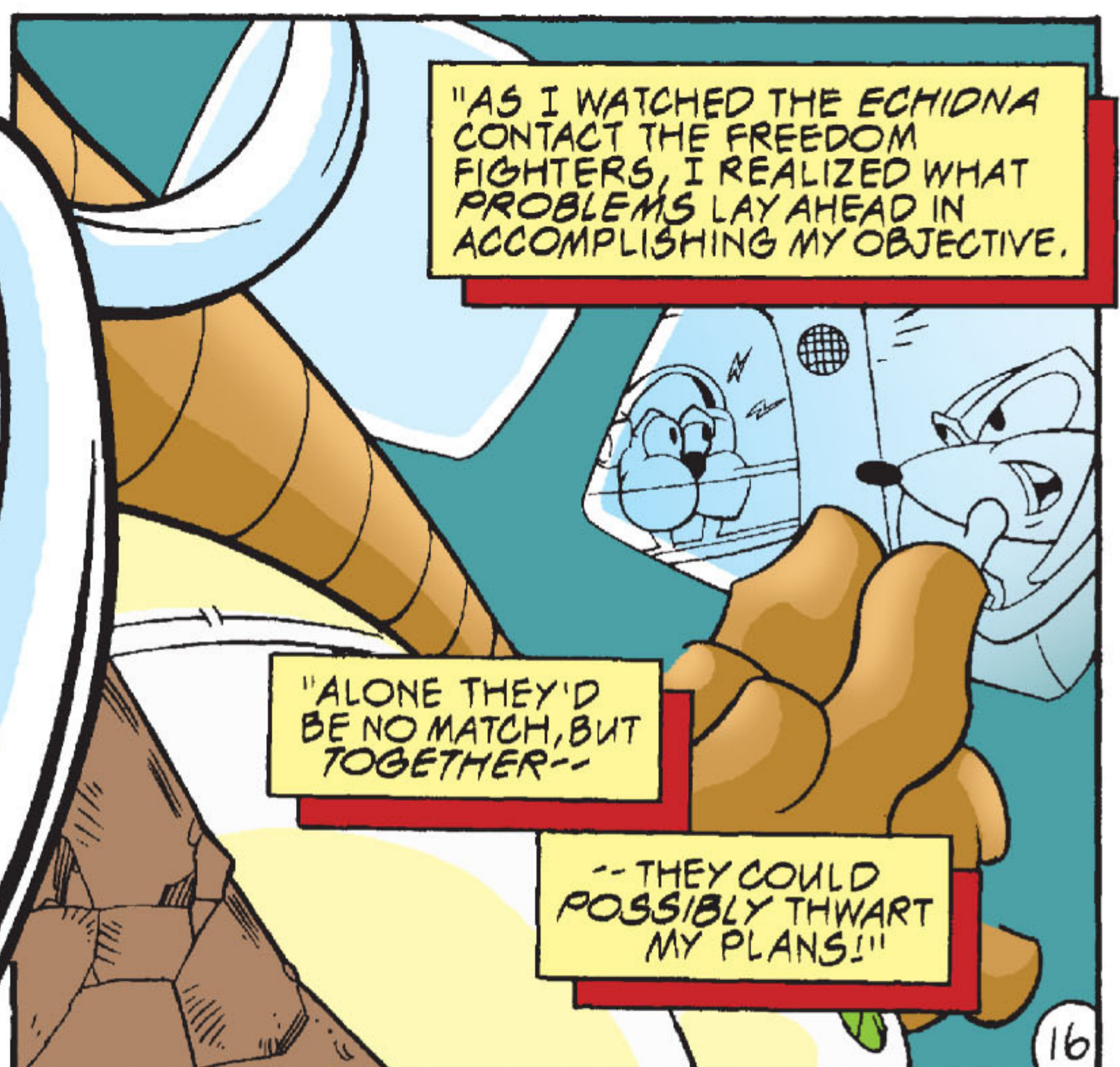
--SO I LET THEM THINK THEY GAINED AN EASY VICTORY, NOT KNOWING OUR TRUE MISSION WAS SIMPLY TO ASSESS THEIR SKILLS AND POWERS. WITH THAT ACCOMPLISHED, I BID MY TIME UNTIL I COULD PROPERLY EXPLOIT WHAT I HAD LEARNED.

* SONIC SELECT VOL.2 -- EDITOR



"--AND WHEN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF WITH THE SWORD OF ACORN, I KNEW AT LAST ALL MY PLANNING HAD COME TO ITS FRUITION!*

*AS SHOWN IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.12 - SELECT-ITOR



"AS I WATCHED THE ECHIDNA CONTACT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, I REALIZED WHAT PROBLEMS LAY AHEAD IN ACCOMPLISHING MY OBJECTIVE.

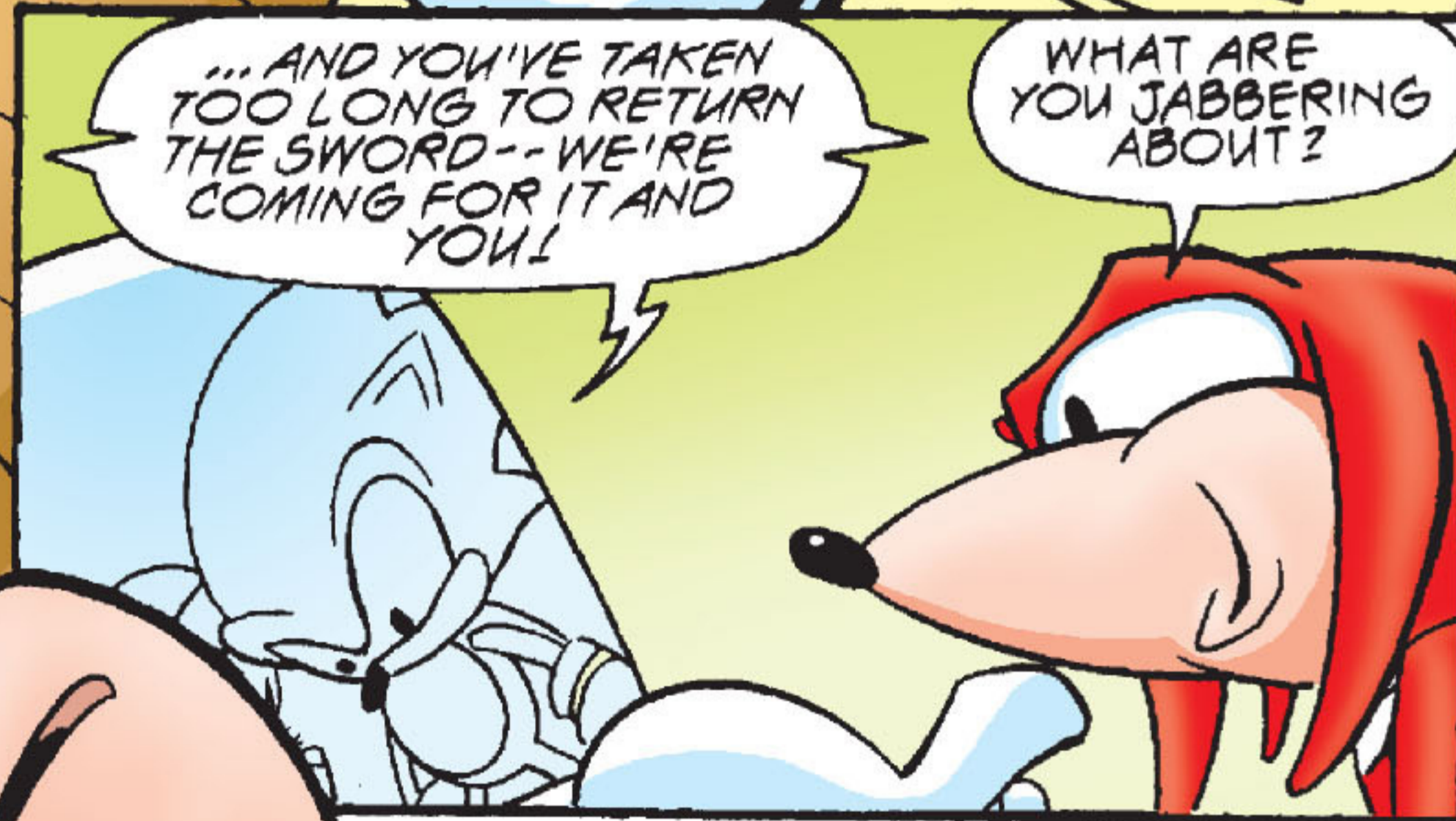
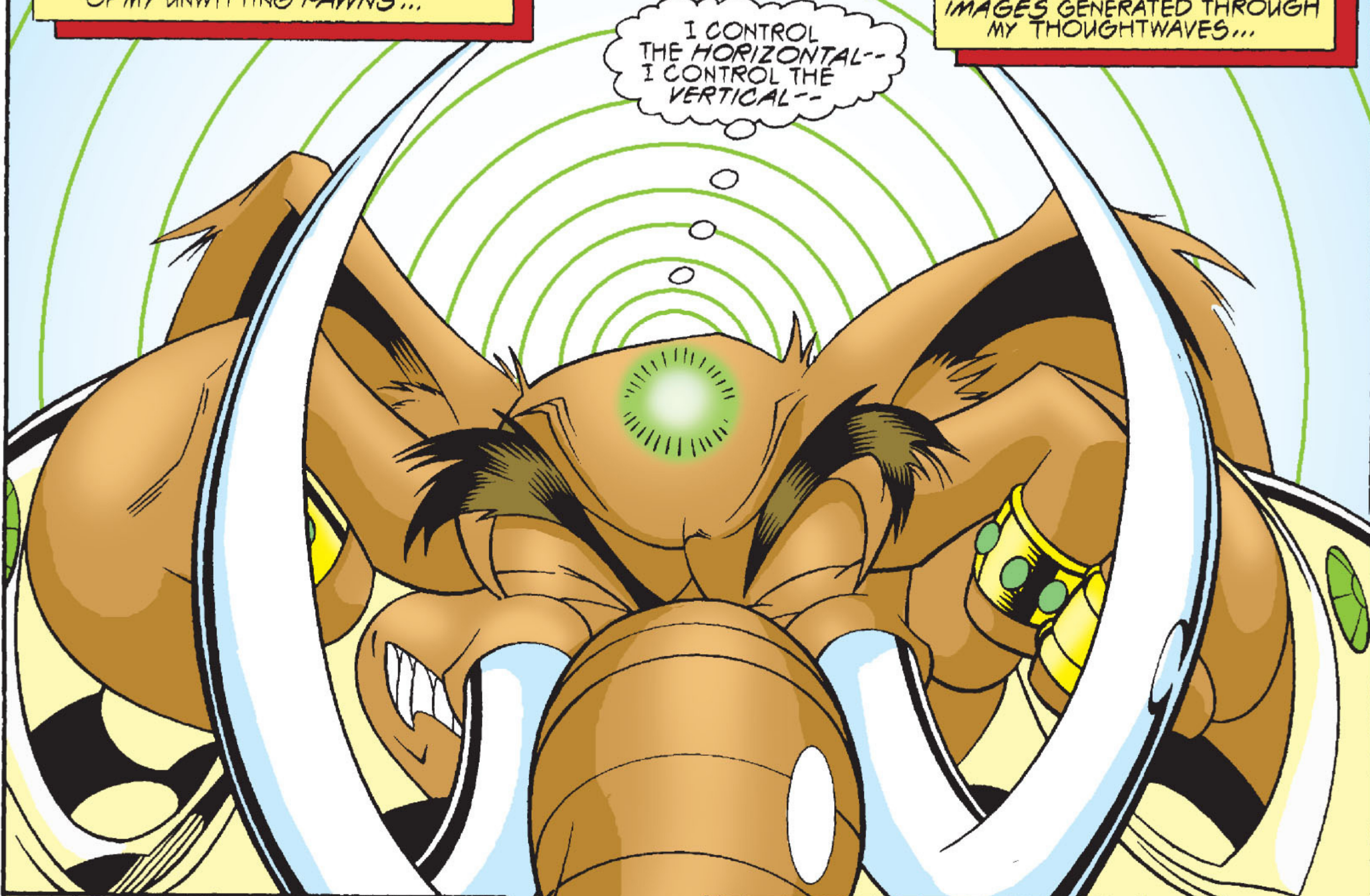
"ALONE THEY'D BE NO MATCH, BUT TOGETHER--

-- THEY COULD POSSIBLY THWART MY PLANS!"

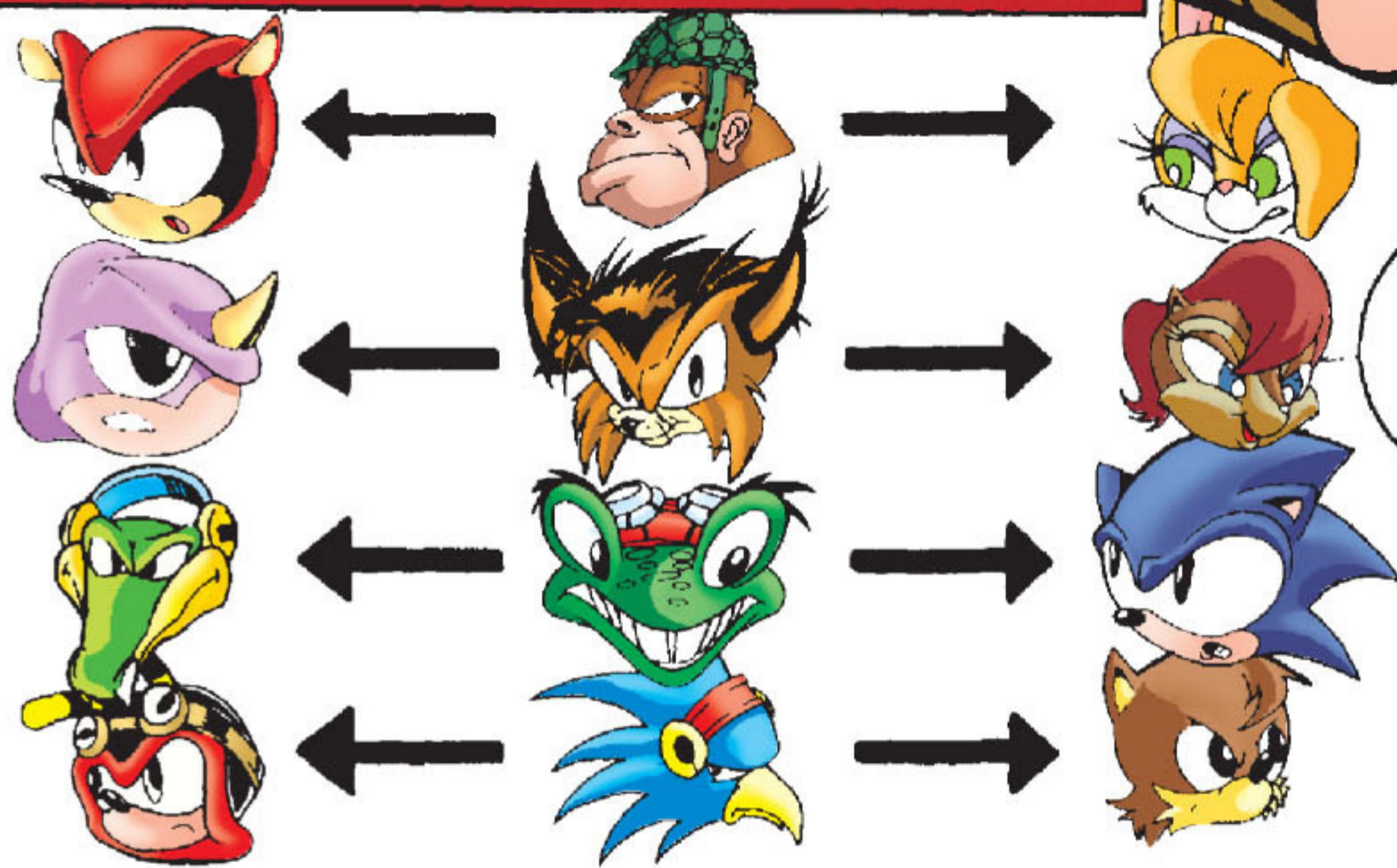
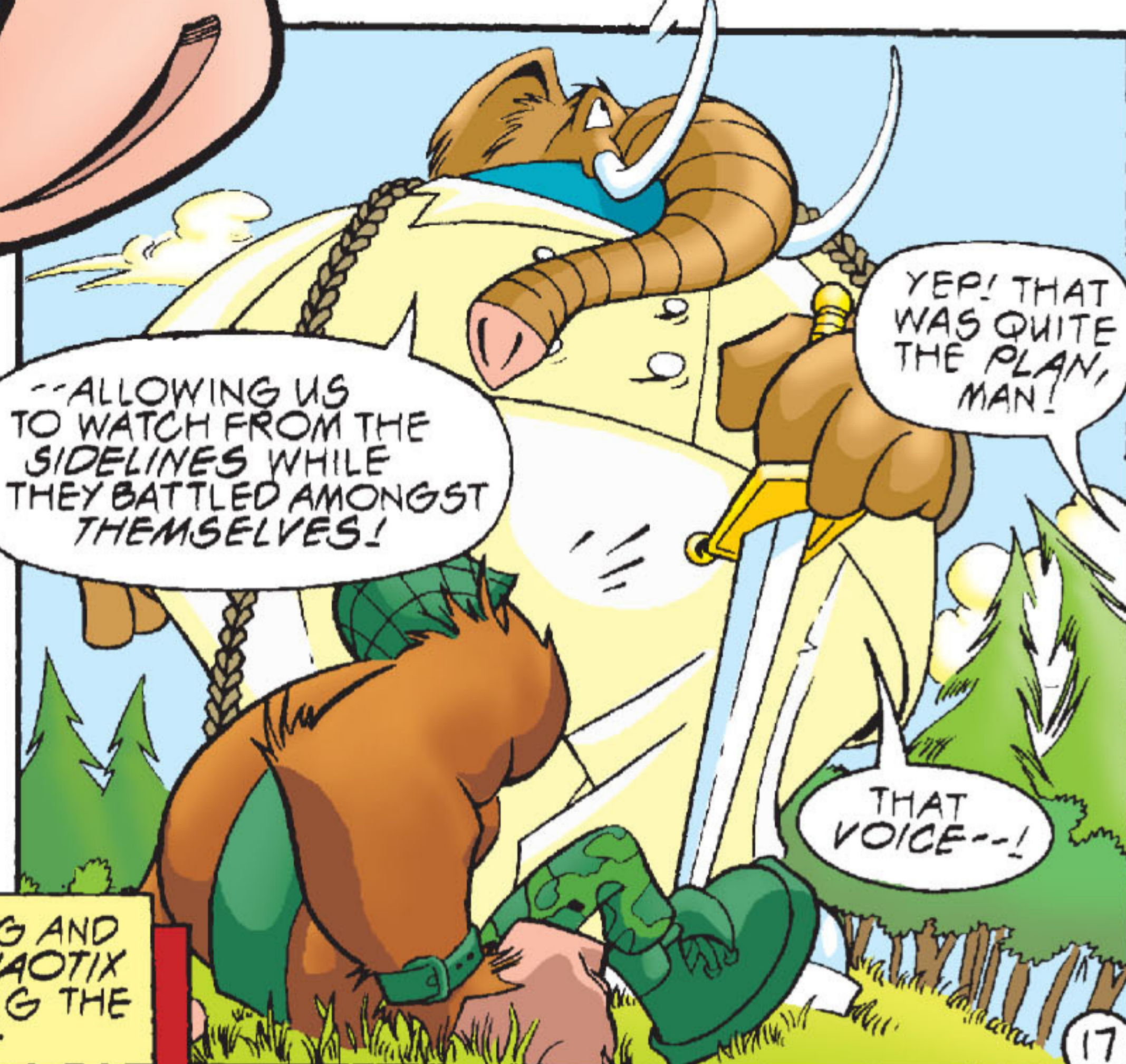
"THAT'S WHY I SEIZED THE MOMENT MAKING USE OF MY VAST PSYCHIC ABILITIES TO ALTER THE REALITIES OF MY UNWITTING PAWNS..."

"WHAT NEITHER THE WALRUS OR ECHIDNA REALIZED WAS THAT THEY WERE WATCHING IMAGES GENERATED THROUGH MY THOUGHTWAVES..."

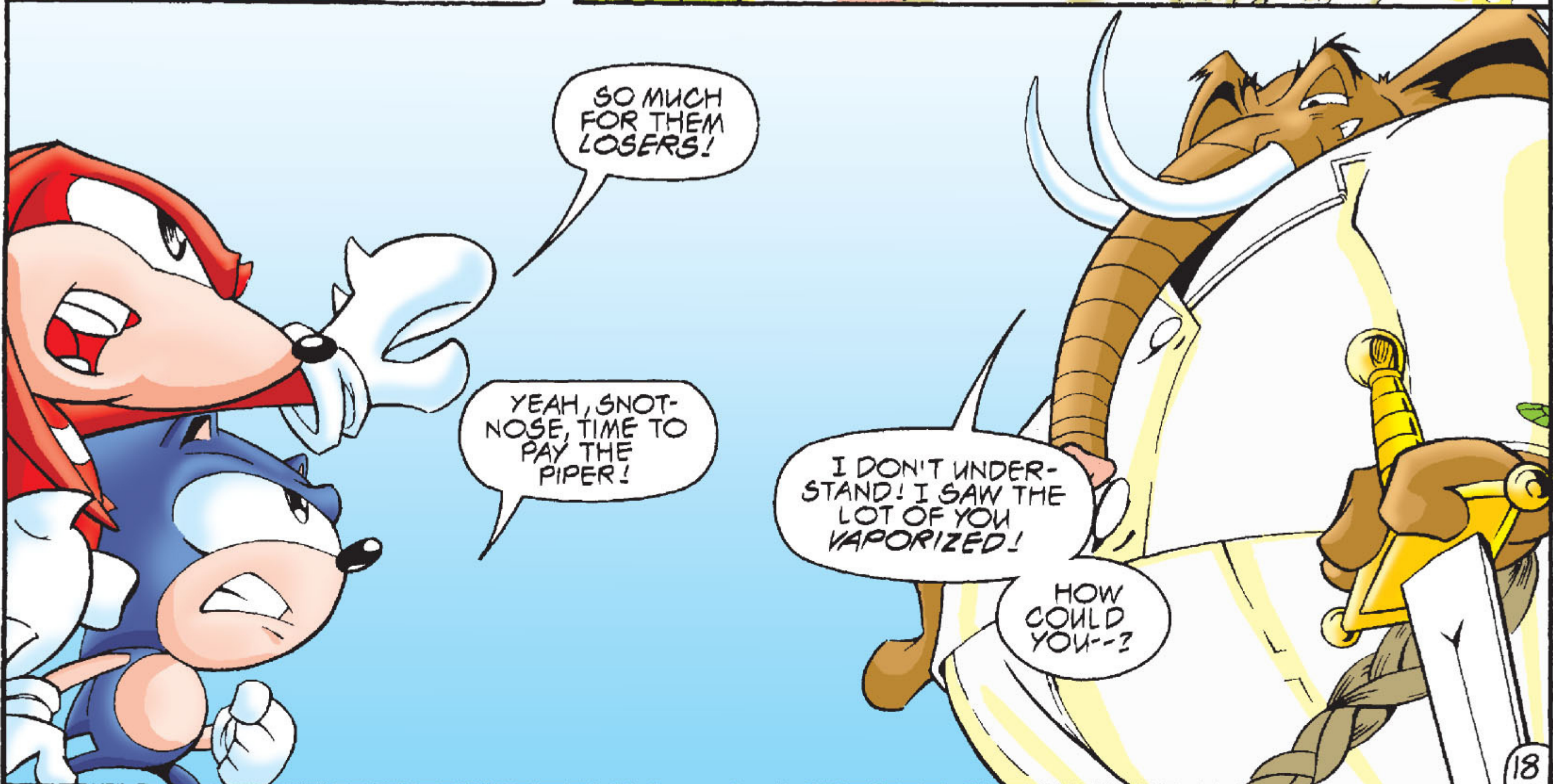
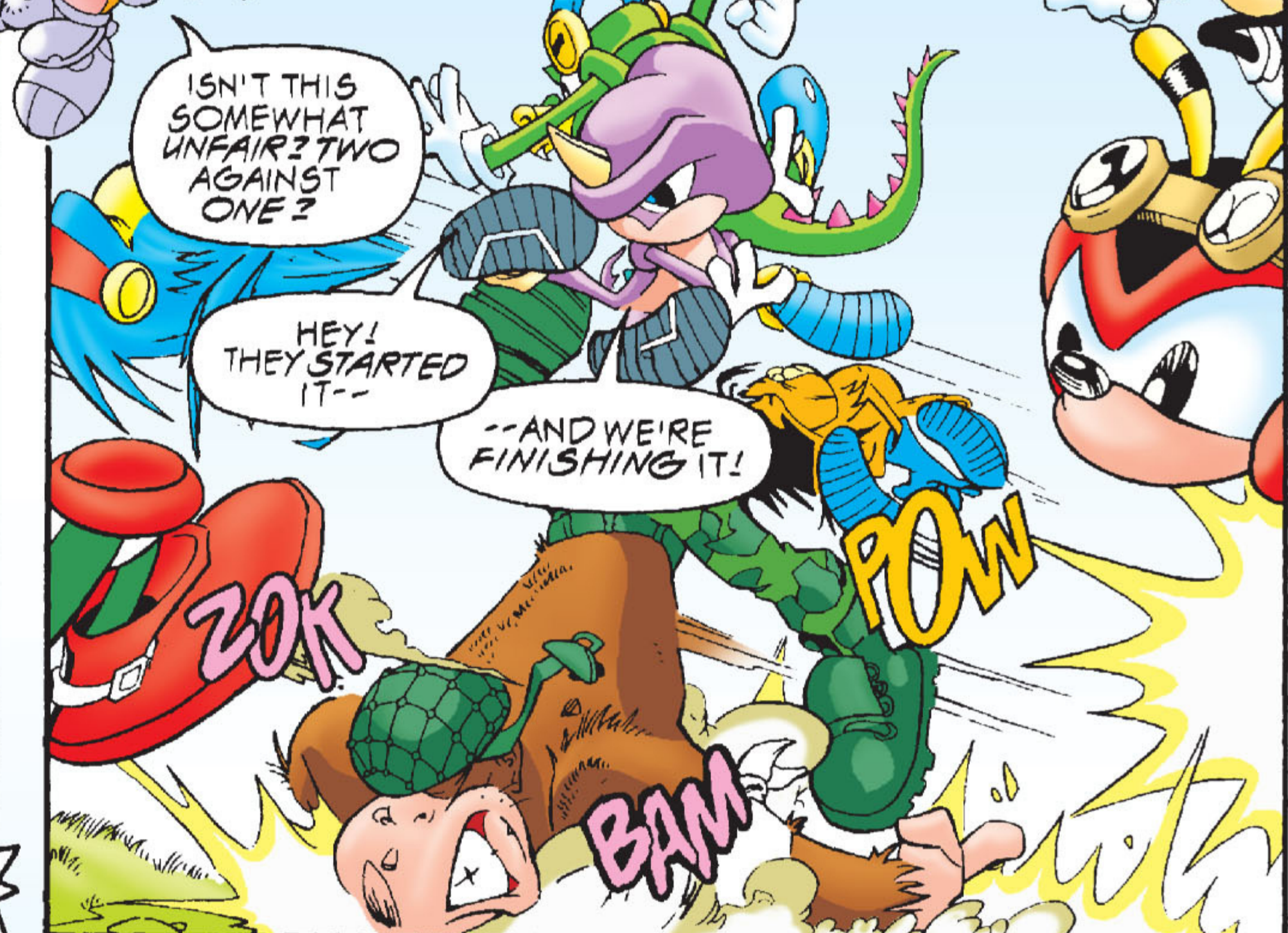
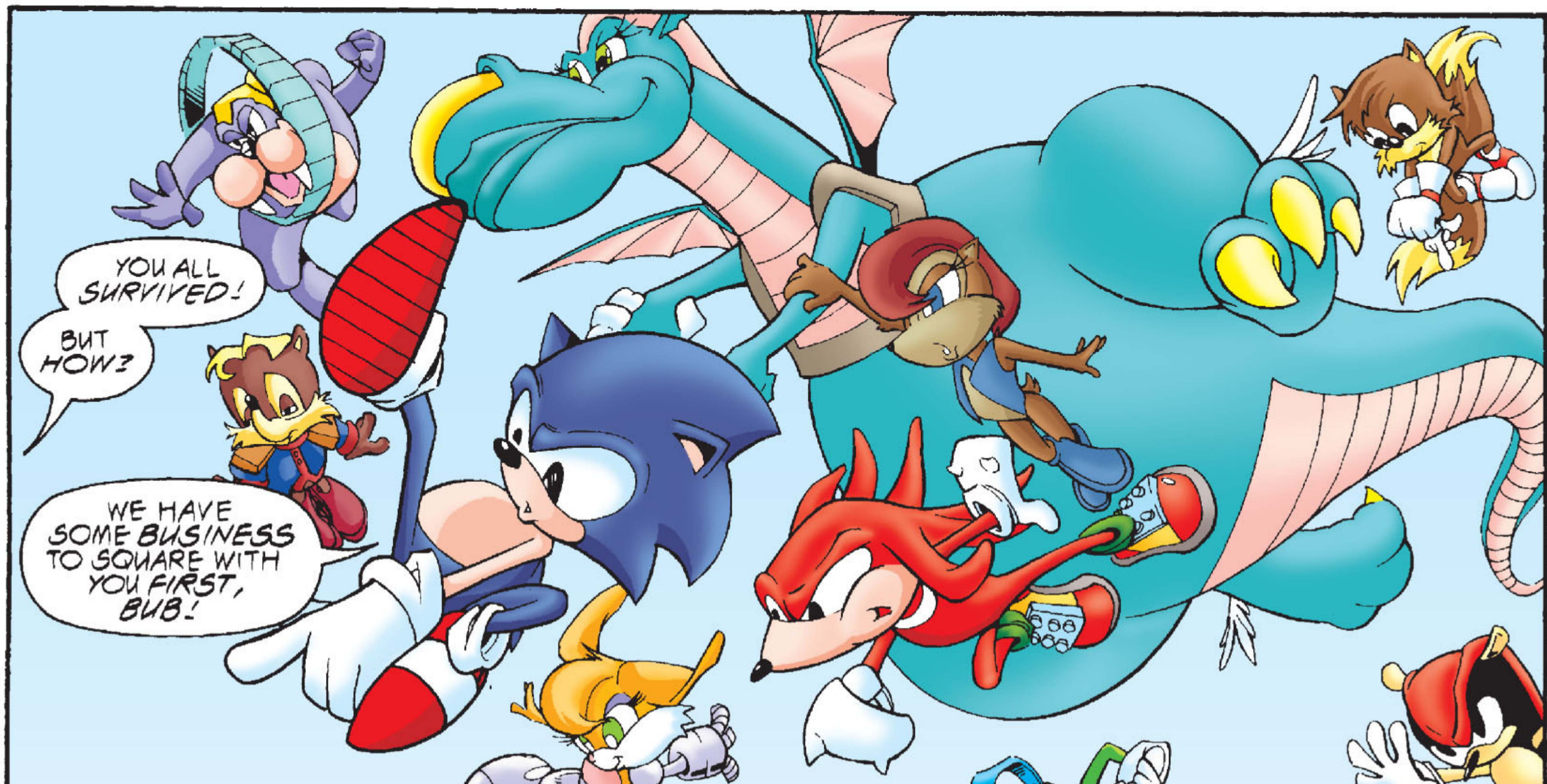
I CONTROL THE HORIZONTAL-- I CONTROL THE VERTICAL--

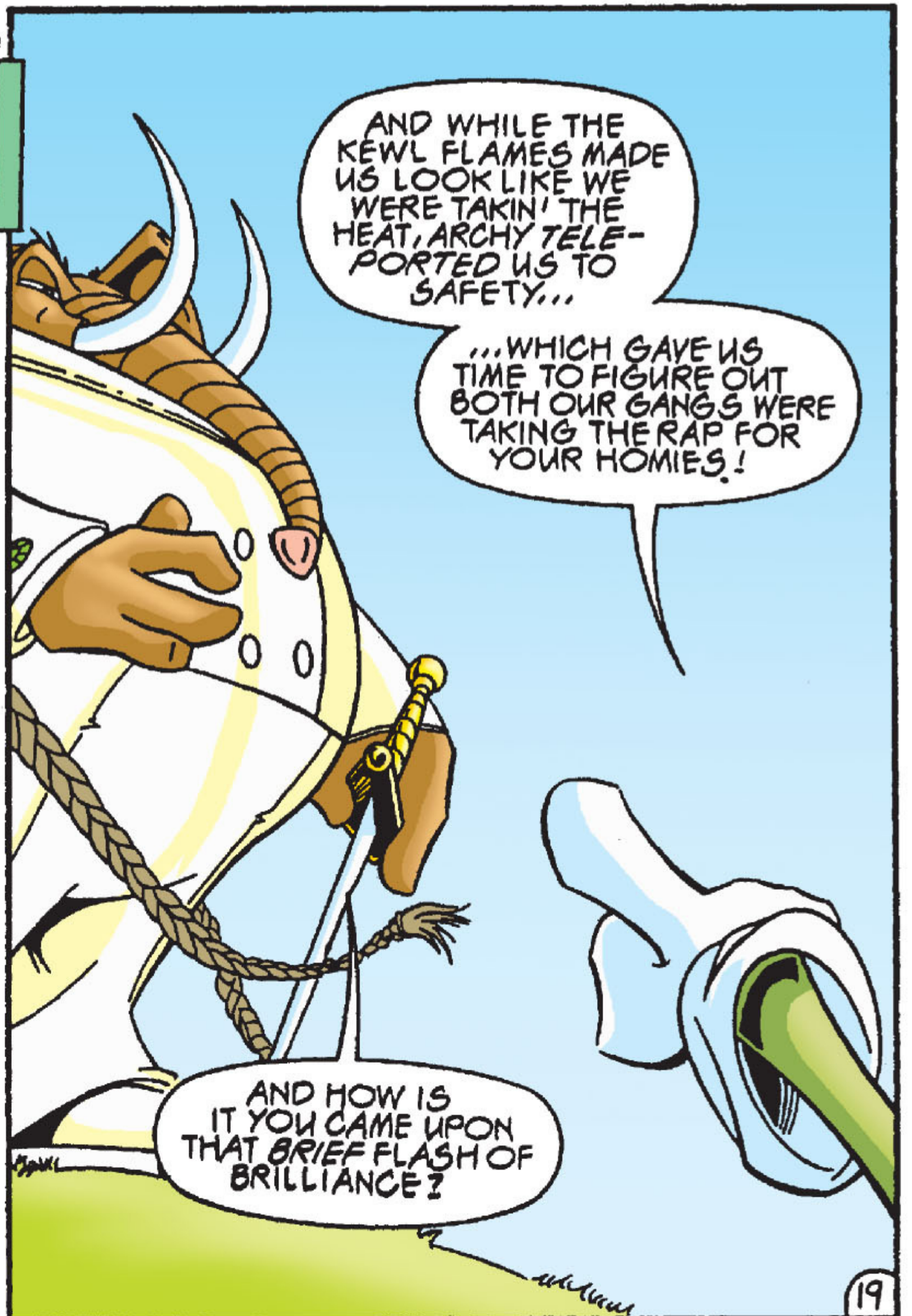
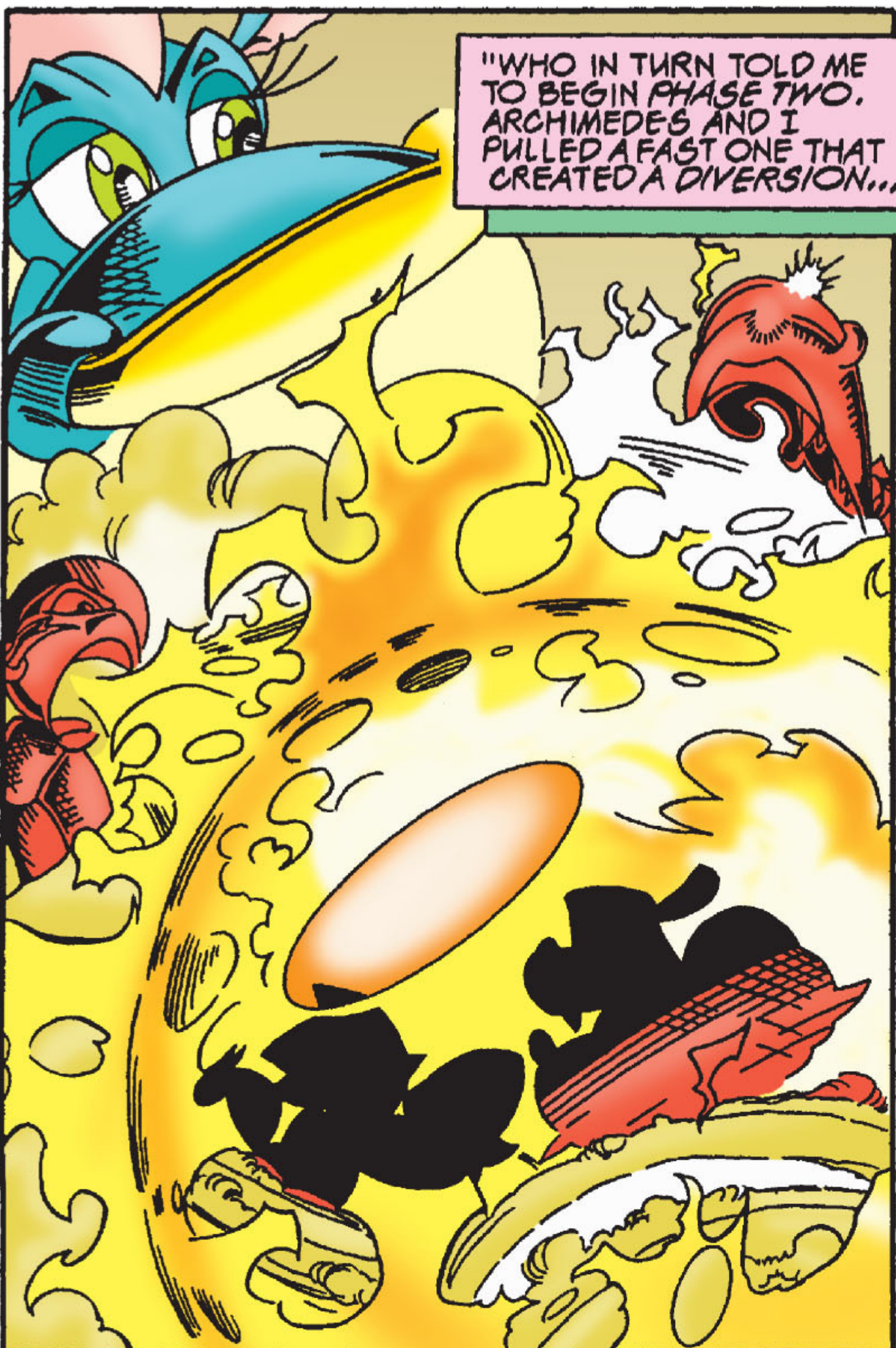
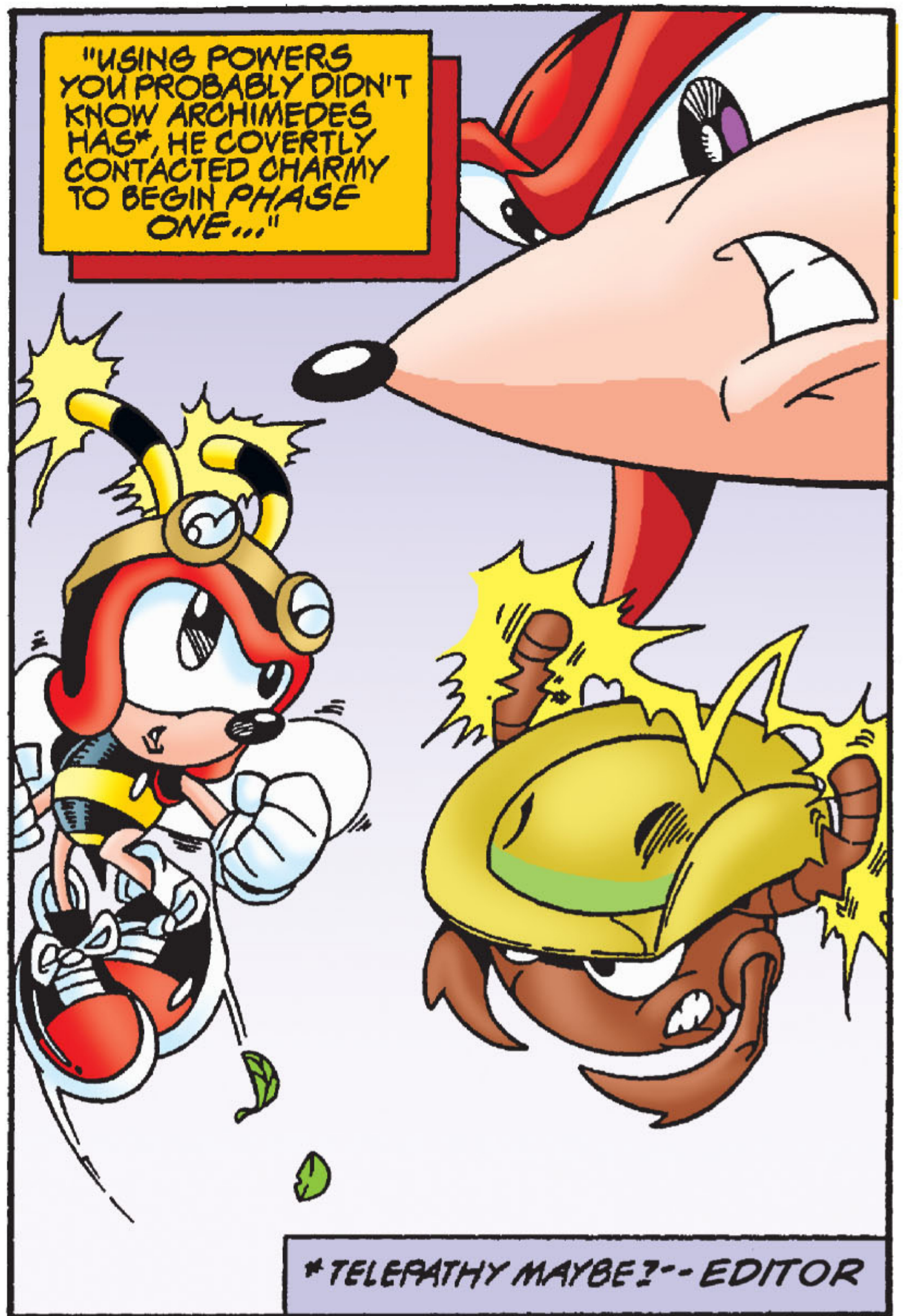


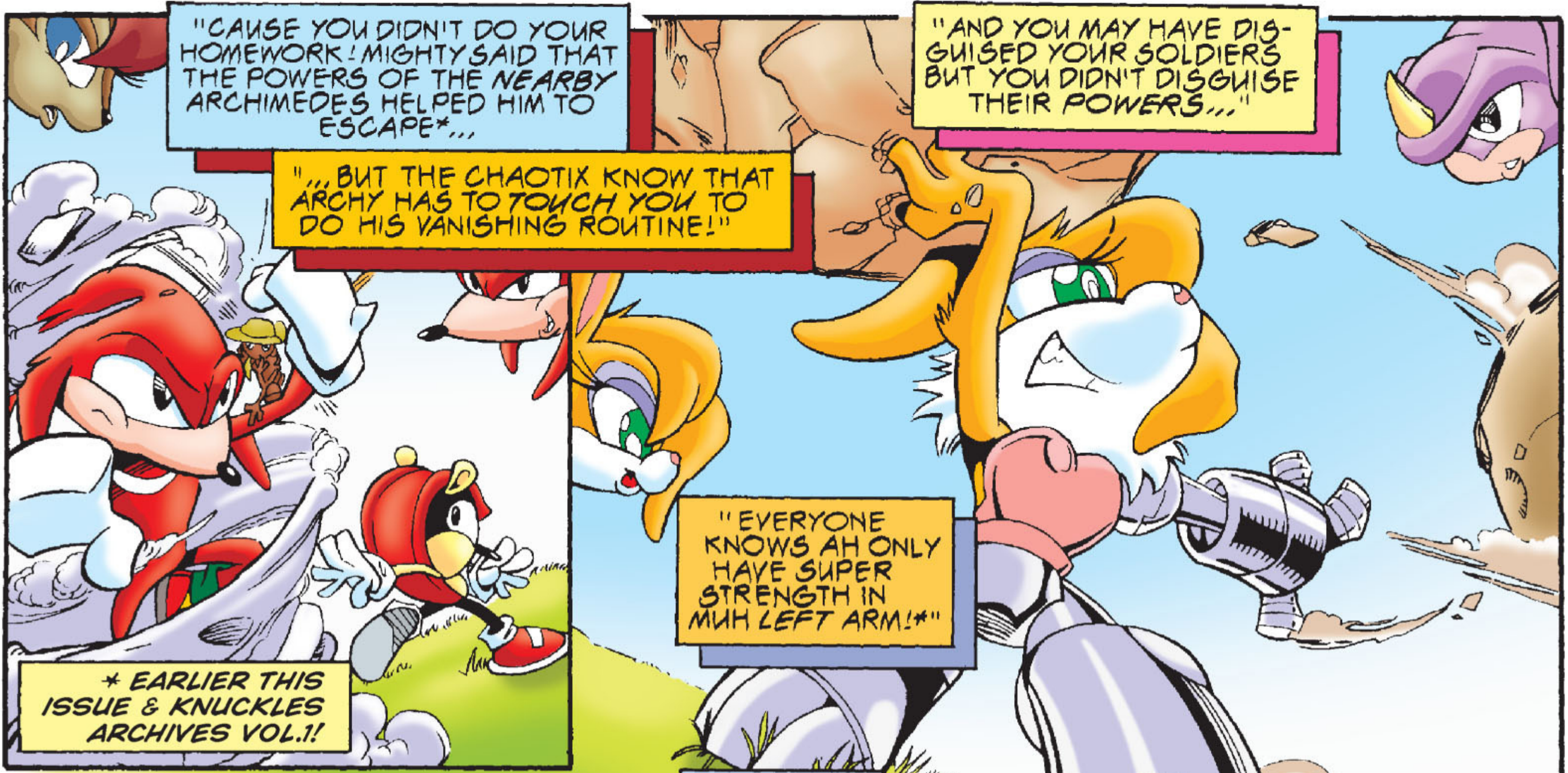
"THERE WAS STILL DANGER THAT COOLER HEADS WOULD PREVAIL, SO I CREATED THE ILLUSION OF THE FEARSOME FOURSOME AS MEMBERS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND THE CHAOTIX, IN ORDER TO FAN THE FLAMES OF MISTRUST BETWEEN THE OPPOSING SIDES..."



"HAVING BAITED THE HEDGEHOG AND FRIENDS, WE THEN MADE THE CHAOTIX BELIEVE THE WORST CONCERNING THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS--"







"CAUSE YOU DIDN'T DO YOUR HOMEWORK! MIGHTY SAID THAT THE POWERS OF THE NEARBY ARCHIMEDES HELPED HIM TO ESCAPE*..."

"AND YOU MAY HAVE DISGUISED YOUR SOLDIERS BUT YOU DIDN'T DISGUISE THEIR POWERS..."

"... BUT THE CHAOTIX KNOW THAT ARCHY HAS TO TOUCH YOU TO DO HIS VANISHING ROUTINE!"

"EVERYONE KNOWS AH ONLY HAVE SUPER STRENGTH IN MUH LEFT ARM!*"

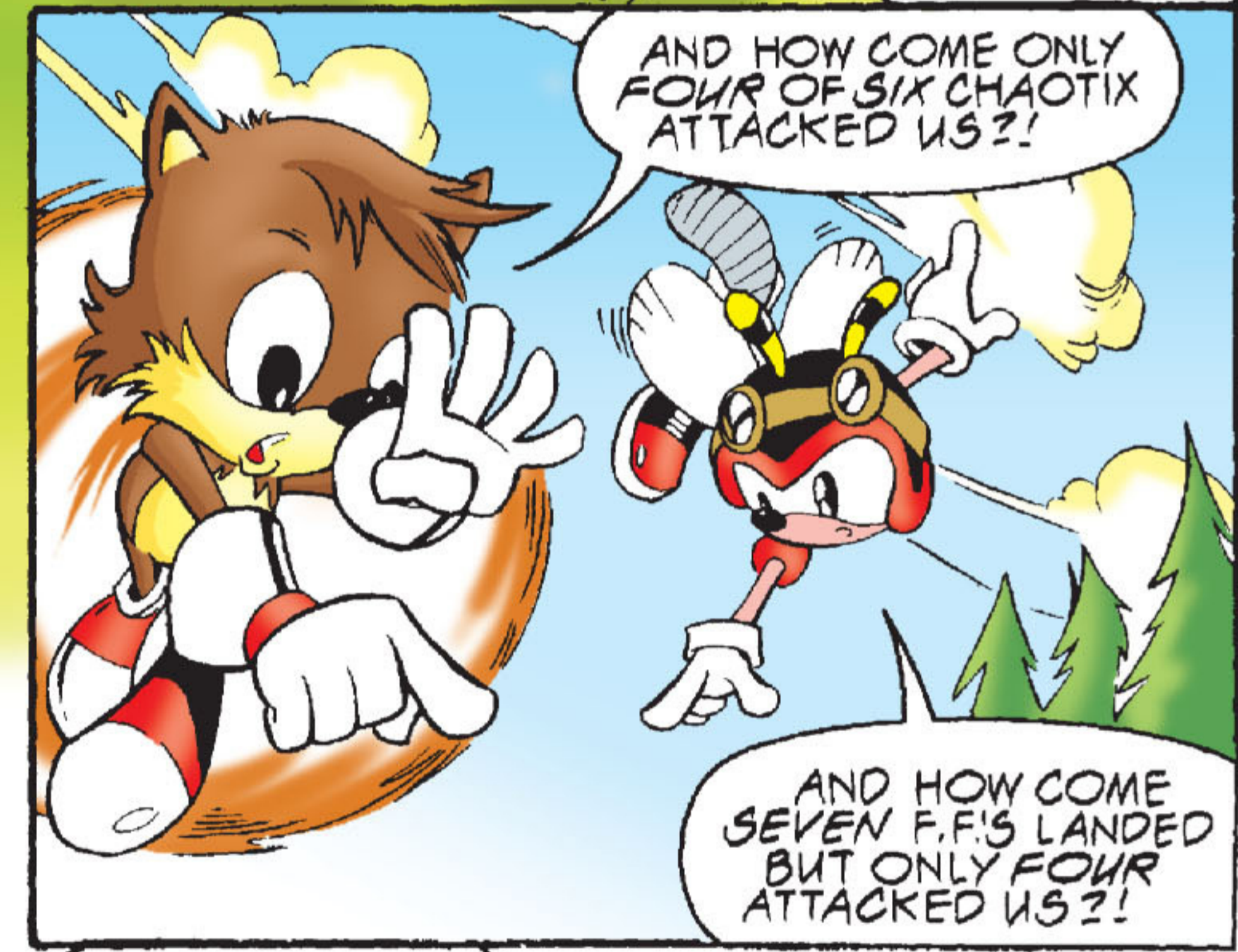
* EARLIER THIS ISSUE & KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL.1!

* TURN BACK 15 PAGES TO SEE FOR YOURSELF!



"AND WHILE YOUR GUY WAS QUICK, HE WAS NOWHERE NEAR THE SPEED OF THE BLUE DOOFBALL!*"

* ALSO EARLIER - ED



AND HOW COME ONLY FOUR OF SIX CHAOTIX ATTACKED US?!

AND HOW COME SEVEN F.F.'S LANDED BUT ONLY FOUR ATTACKED US?!

ALSO, NO WAY MIGHT WOULD HAVE ATTACKED ME WITHOUT TALKING FIRST --OR AT LEAST SAYING "HI"!

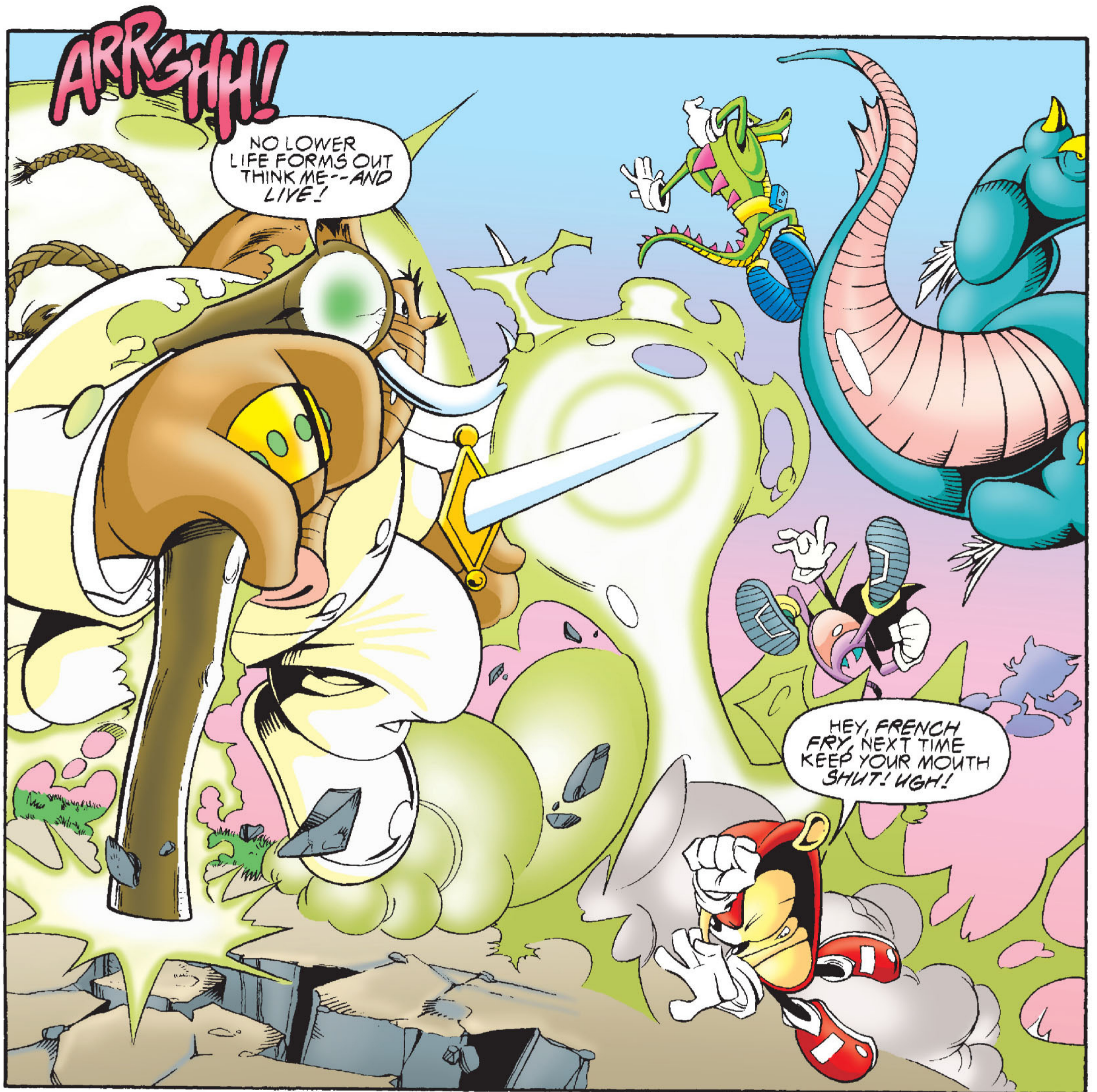
Y'SEE TALL, DARK AND HAIRY, WE'RE OLD PALS!*

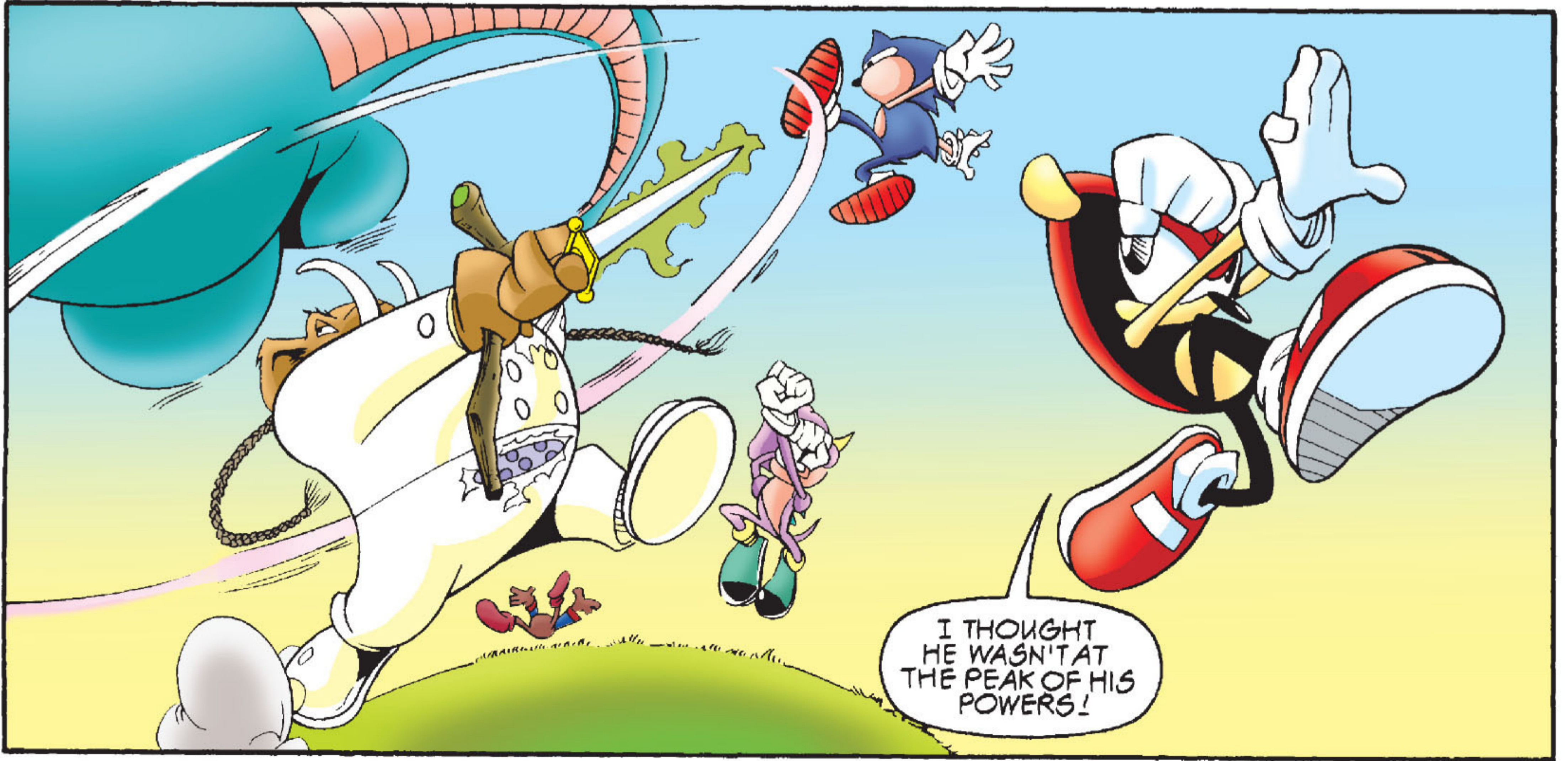
ZO, BIG JUMBO, YOU ARE NOT ONLY ZEE BIG PERSON, BUT ALSO ZEE BIG FOOL!

NOW THAT YOUR SCHEME IS KAPUT, HAND OVER ZEE SWORD AND YOU WON'T BE HURT!

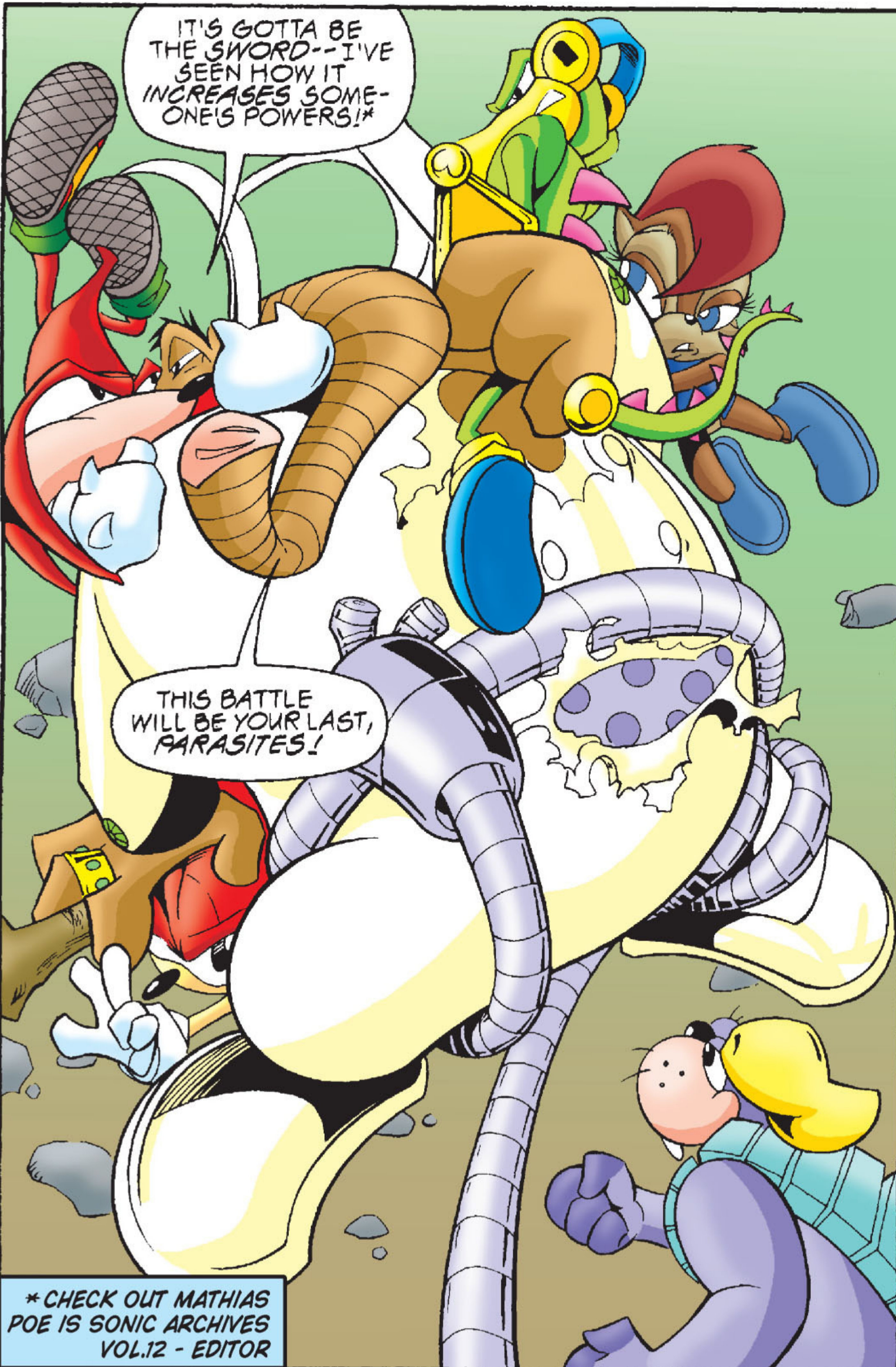


* WHEN & WHERE DID THIS HAPPEN? CHECK OUT FUTURE SONIC ARCHIVES AND SELECT GN'S FOR THE STORY!





I THOUGHT HE WASN'T AT THE PEAK OF HIS POWERS!



IT'S GOTTA BE THE SWORD--I'VE SEEN HOW IT INCREASES SOMEONE'S POWERS!*

THIS BATTLE WILL BE YOUR LAST, PARASITES!

*CHECK OUT MATHIAS POE IS SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.12 - EDITOR

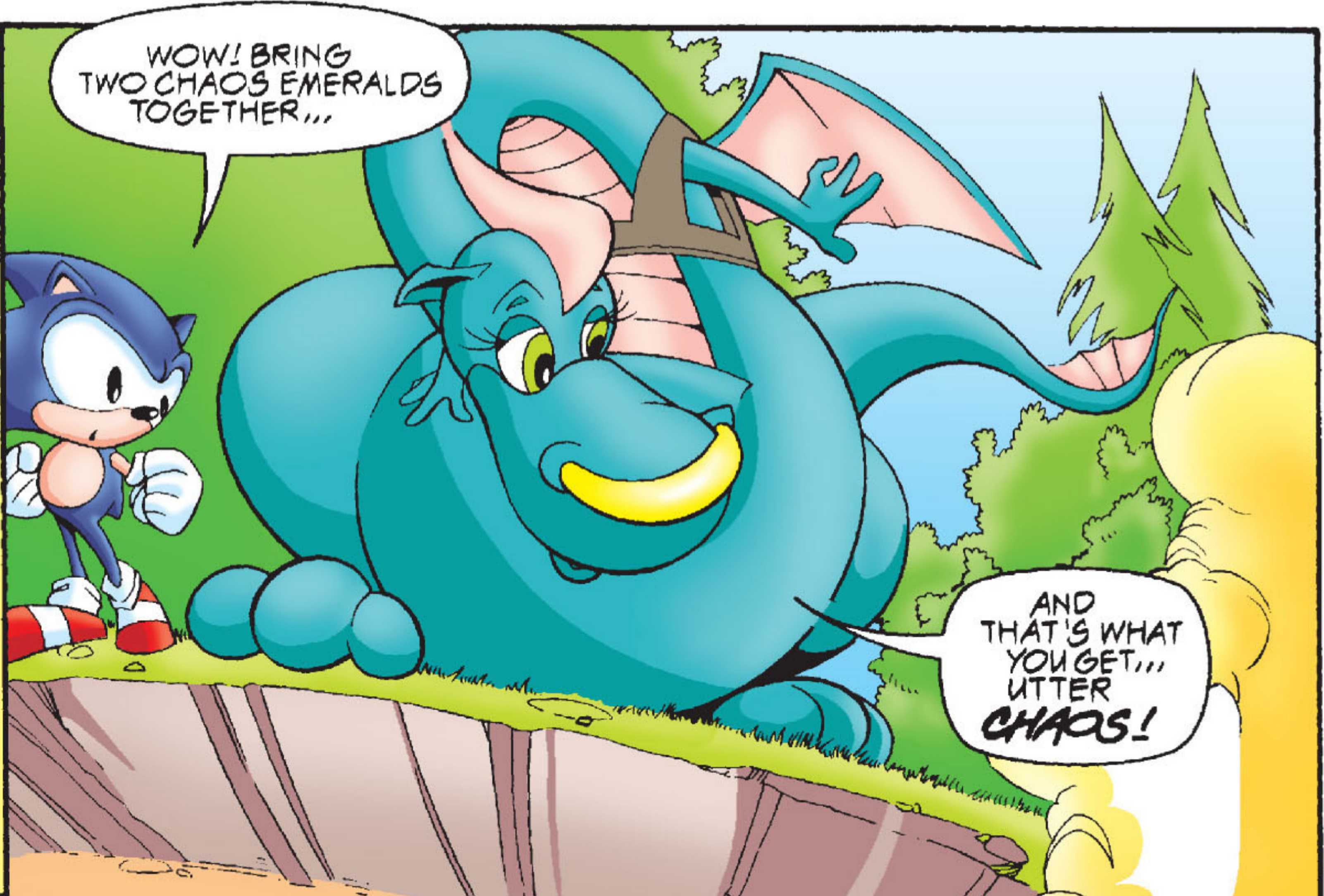


NOT IF THIS CHAOS EMERALD HAS ANYTHING TO DO ABOUT IT!



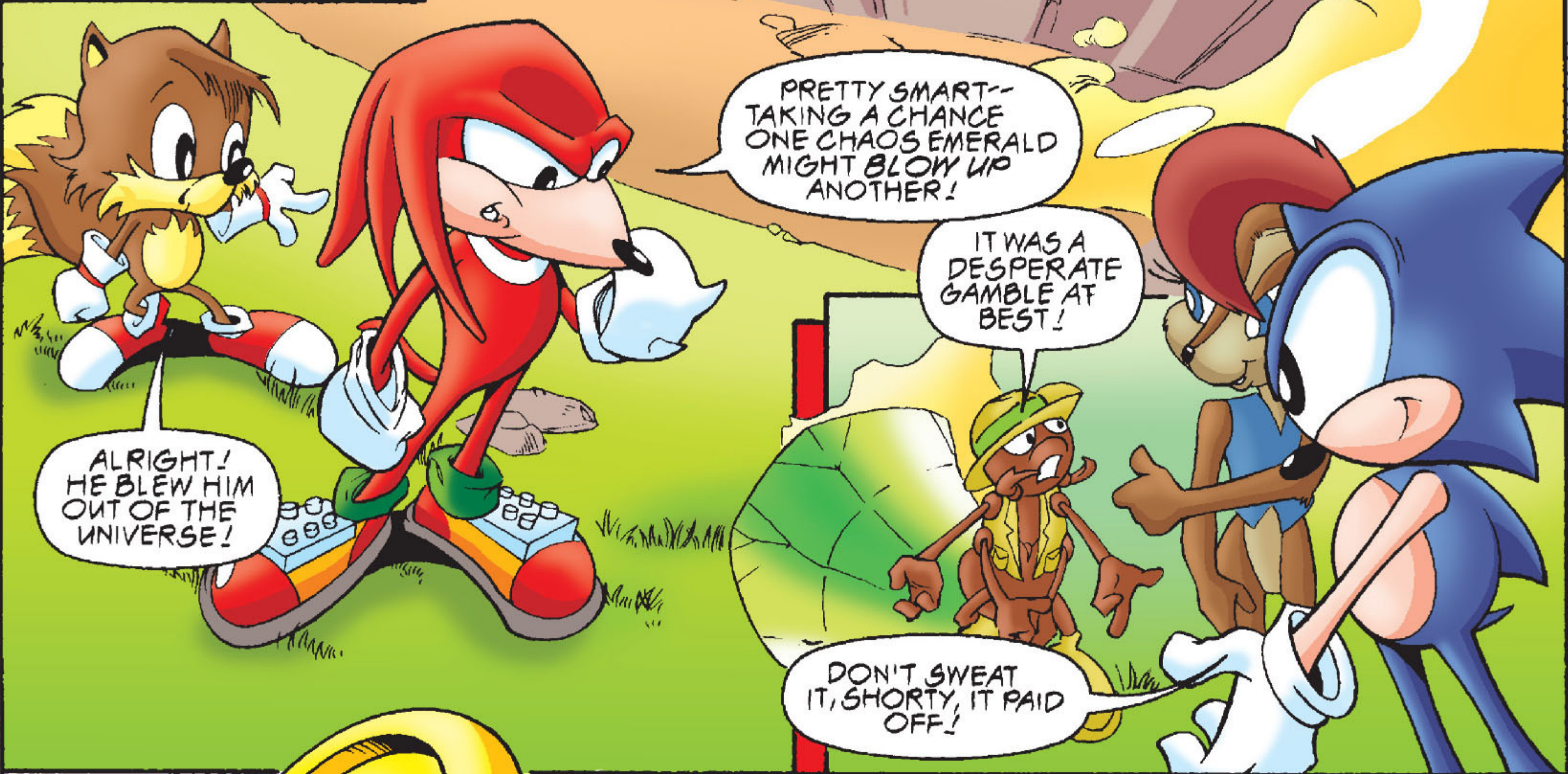
NO! IT'S ATTRACTING MY OWN EMERALD, CAUSING IT TO...

CRASH



WOW! BRING TWO CHAOS EMERALDS TOGETHER...

AND THAT'S WHAT YOU GET... UTTER CHAOS!

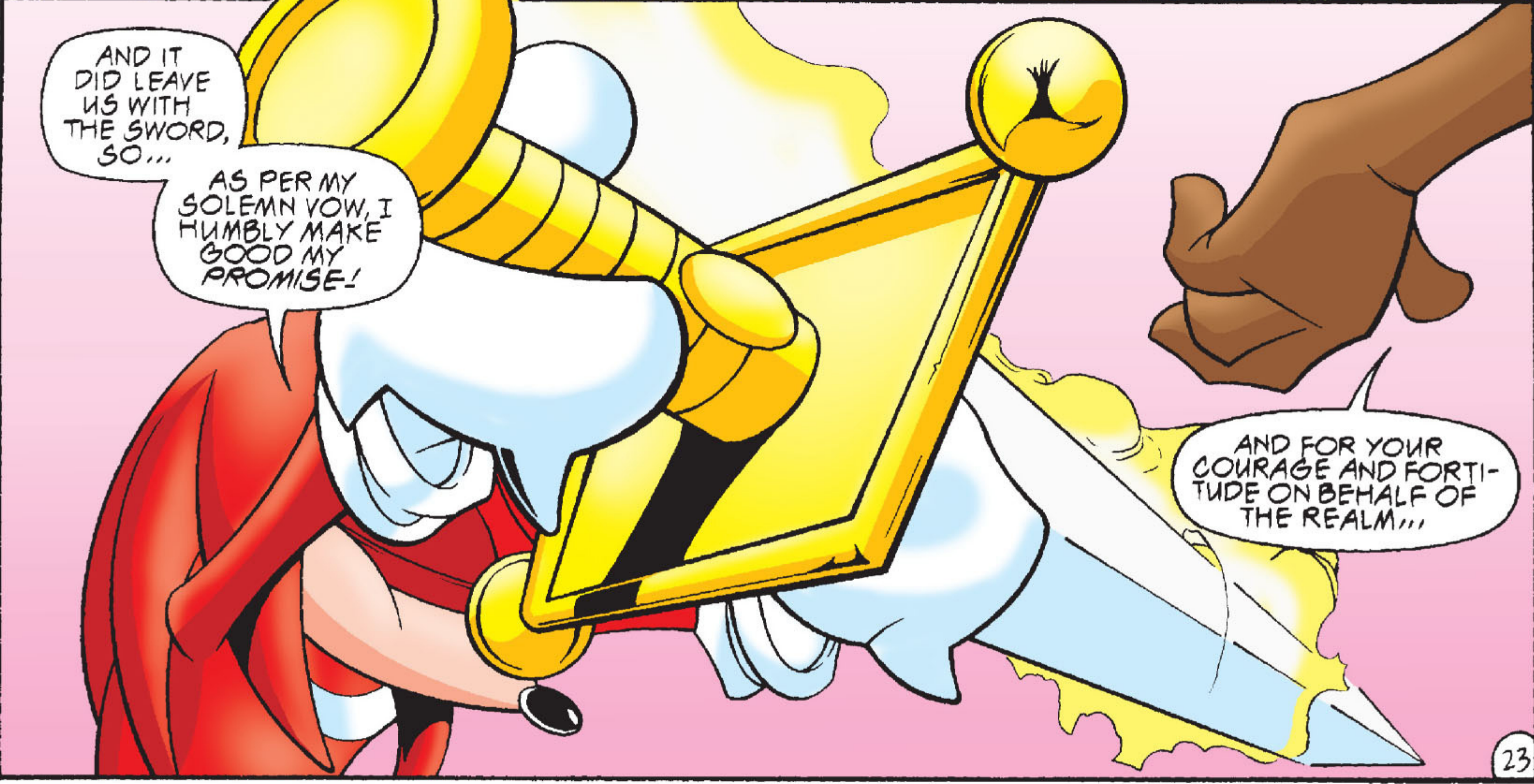


ALRIGHT! HE BLEW HIM OUT OF THE UNIVERSE!

PRETTY SMART-- TAKING A CHANCE ONE CHAOS EMERALD MIGHT BLOW UP ANOTHER!

IT WAS A DESPERATE GAMBLE AT BEST!

DON'T SWEAT IT, SHORTY, IT PAID OFF!



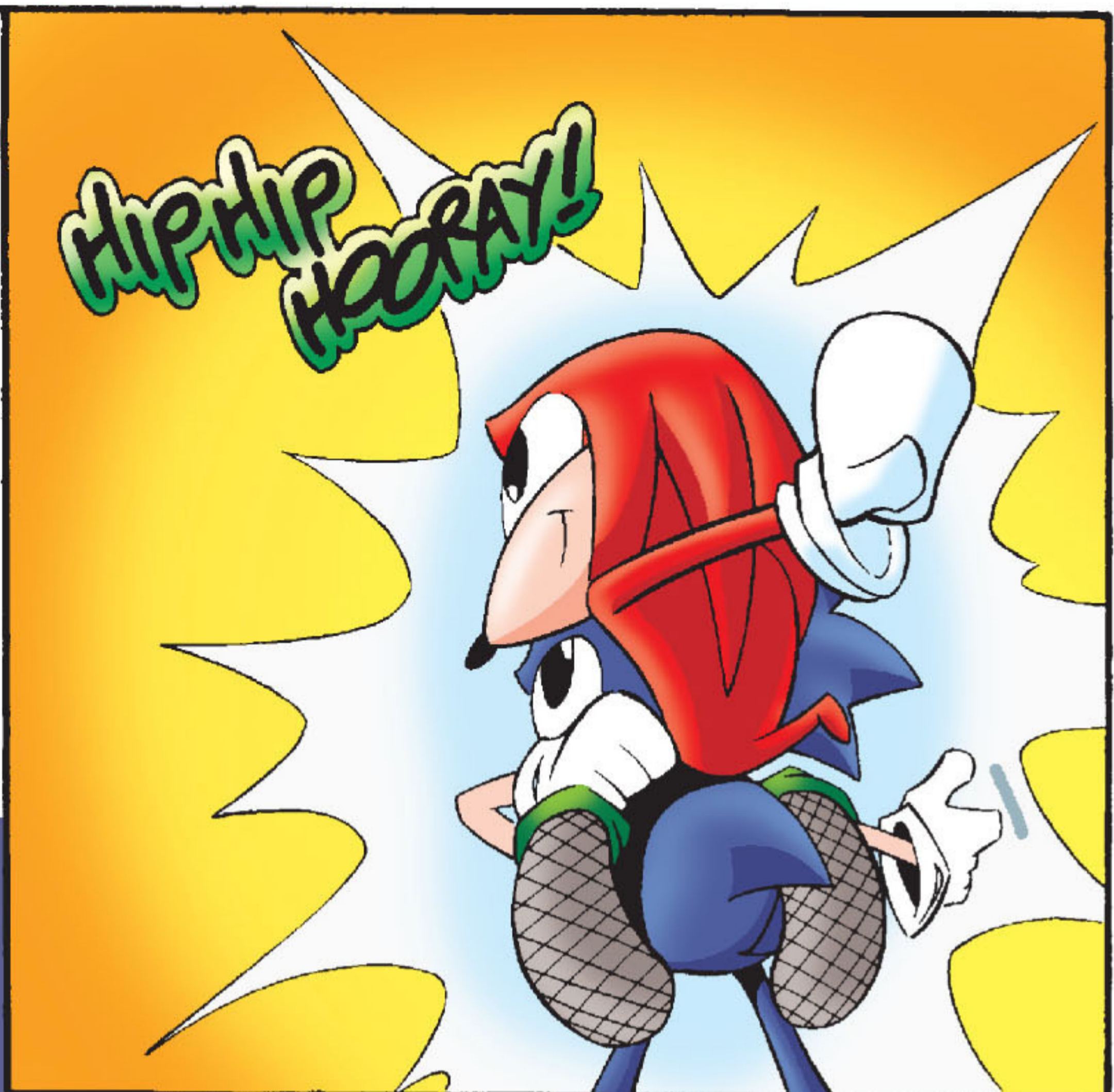
AND IT DID LEAVE US WITH THE SWORD, SO...

AS PER MY SOLEMN VOW, I HUMBLY MAKE GOOD MY PROMISE!

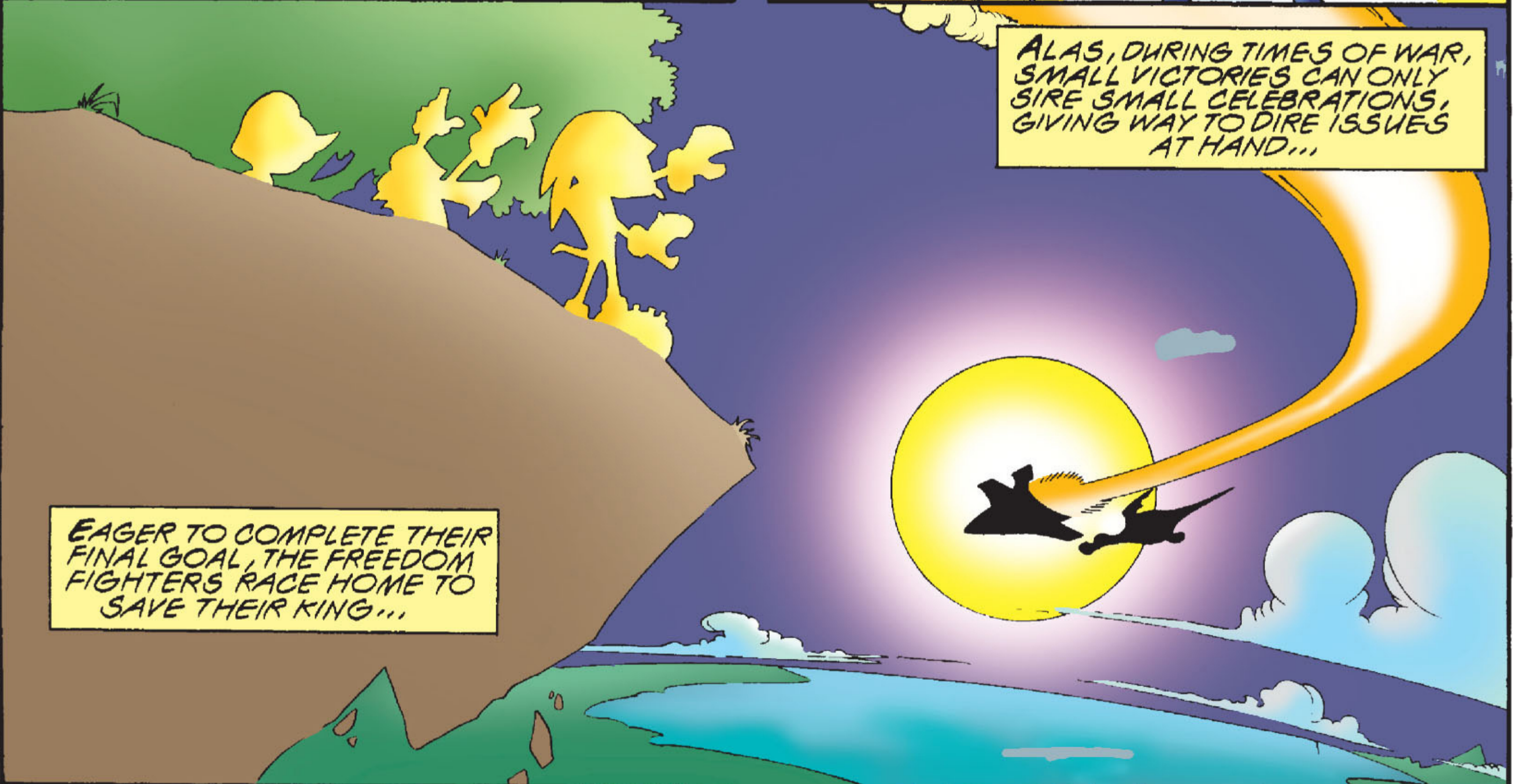
AND FOR YOUR COURAGE AND FORTITUDE ON BEHALF OF THE REALM...



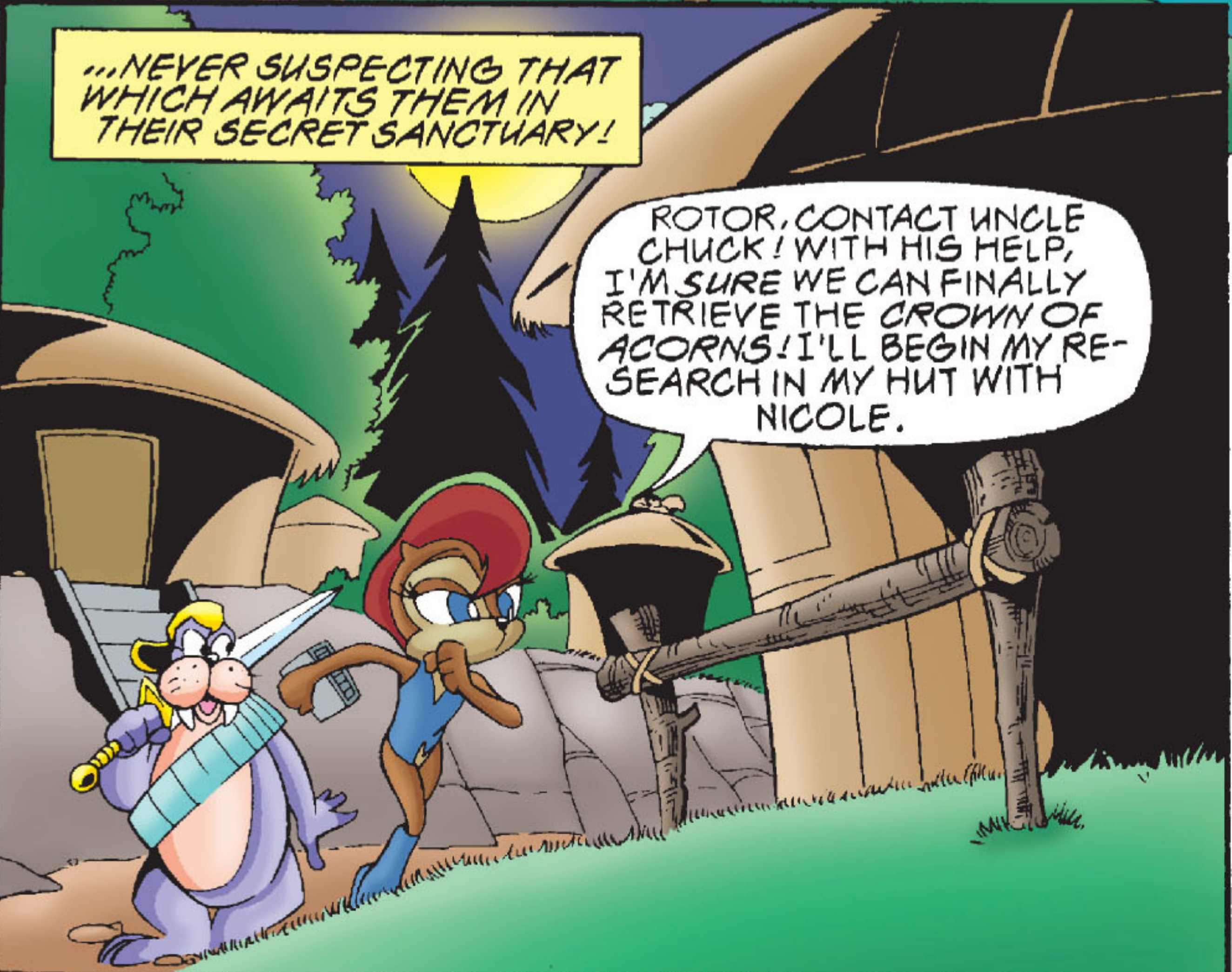
I HEARBY DULY KNIGHT YOU! YOU ARE THIS ISLAND'S GUARDIAN, BUT WHEN IN KNOTHOLE, YOU ARE NOW AND FOREVER-MORE... SIR KNUCKLES!



ALAS, DURING TIMES OF WAR, SMALL VICTORIES CAN ONLY SIRE SMALL CELEBRATIONS, GIVING WAY TO DIRE ISSUES AT HAND...



EAGER TO COMPLETE THEIR FINAL GOAL, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS RACE HOME TO SAVE THEIR KING...

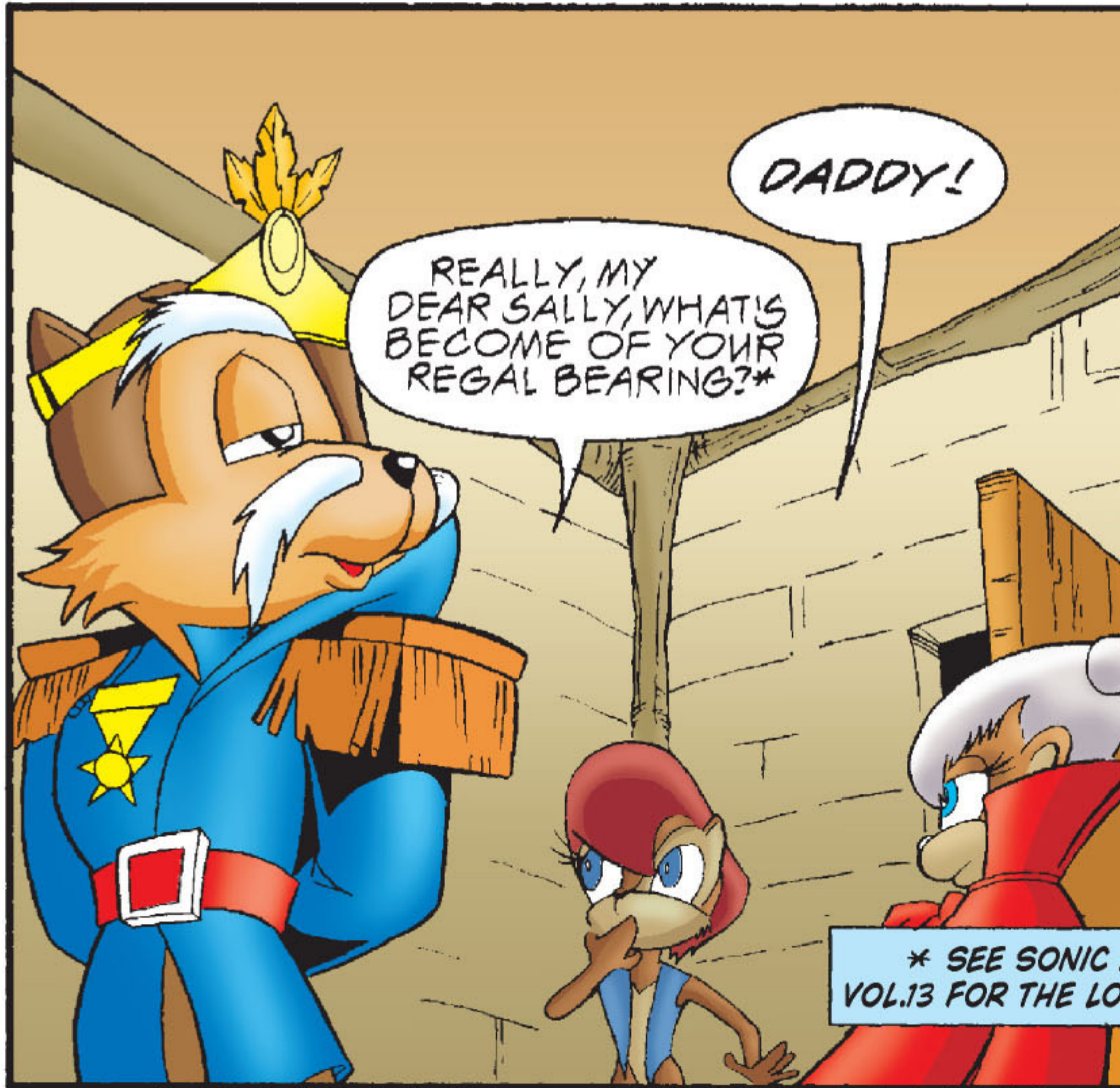


...NEVER SUSPECTING THAT WHICH AWAITS THEM IN THEIR SECRET SANCTUARY!

ROTOR, CONTACT UNCLE CHUCK! WITH HIS HELP, I'M SURE WE CAN FINALLY RETRIEVE THE CROWN OF ACORNS! I'LL BEGIN MY RESEARCH IN MY HUT WITH NICOLE.



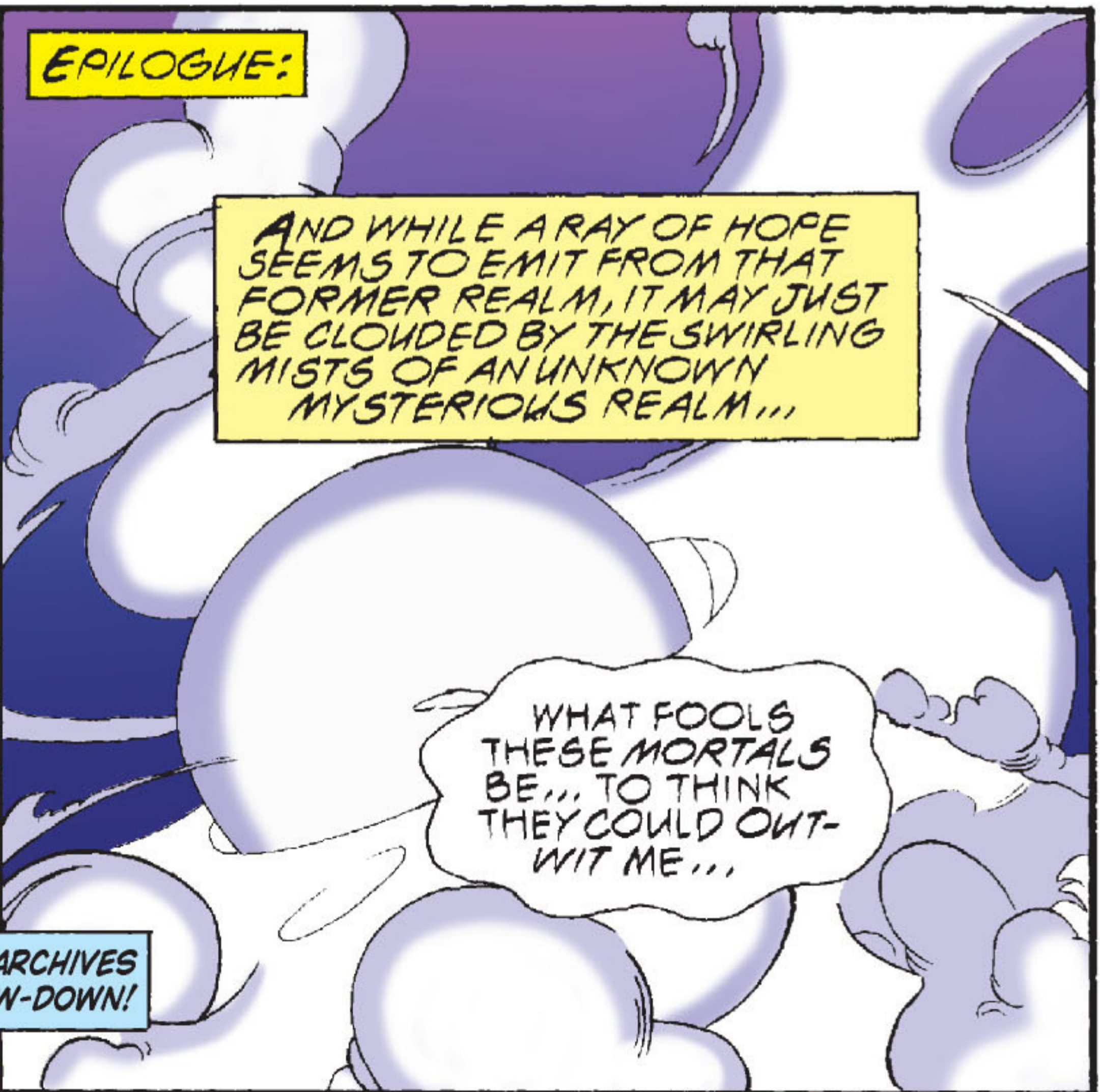
PRINCESS SALLY!!!
COME QUICK, CHILD!



DADDY!

REALLY, MY DEAR SALLY, WHAT'S BECOME OF YOUR REGAL BEARING?*

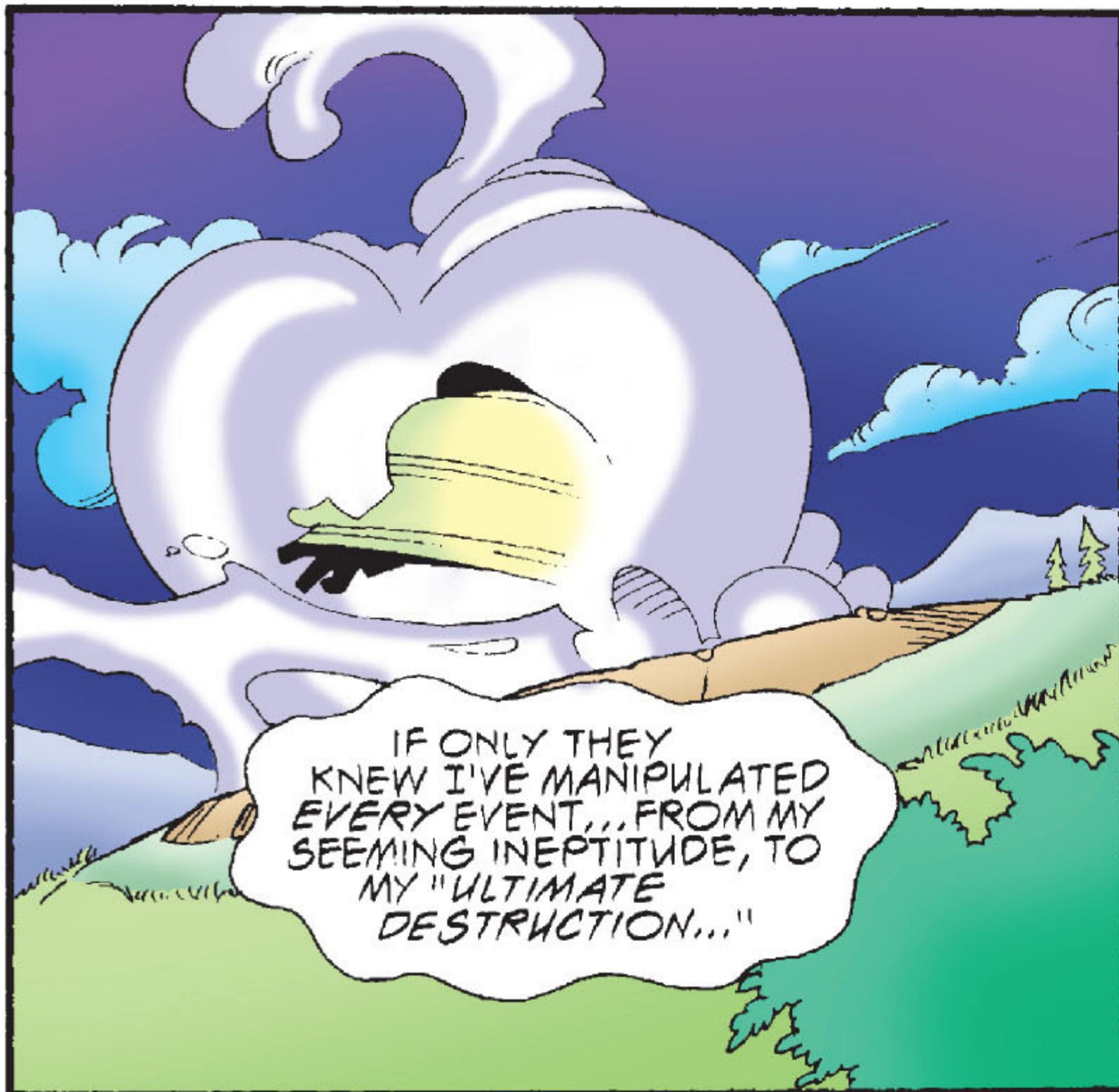
* SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.13 FOR THE LOW-DOWN!



EPILOGUE:

AND WHILE A RAY OF HOPE SEEMS TO EMIT FROM THAT FORMER REALM, IT MAY JUST BE CLOUDED BY THE SWIRLING MISTS OF AN UNKNOWN MYSTERIOUS REALM...

WHAT FOOLS THESE MORTALS BE... TO THINK THEY COULD OUT-WIT ME...



IF ONLY THEY KNEW I'VE MANIPULATED EVERY EVENT... FROM MY SEEMING INEPTITUDE, TO MY "ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION..."



...AND BY THE TIME THEY ASCERTAIN I HAVE THE REAL SWORD OF ACORNS, IT WILL BE TOO LATE!



MY MASTER PLAN WILL BE WELL NEAR COMPLETION, LEAVING THE ENTIRE PLANET MOBIUS GROVELING AT MY FEET!

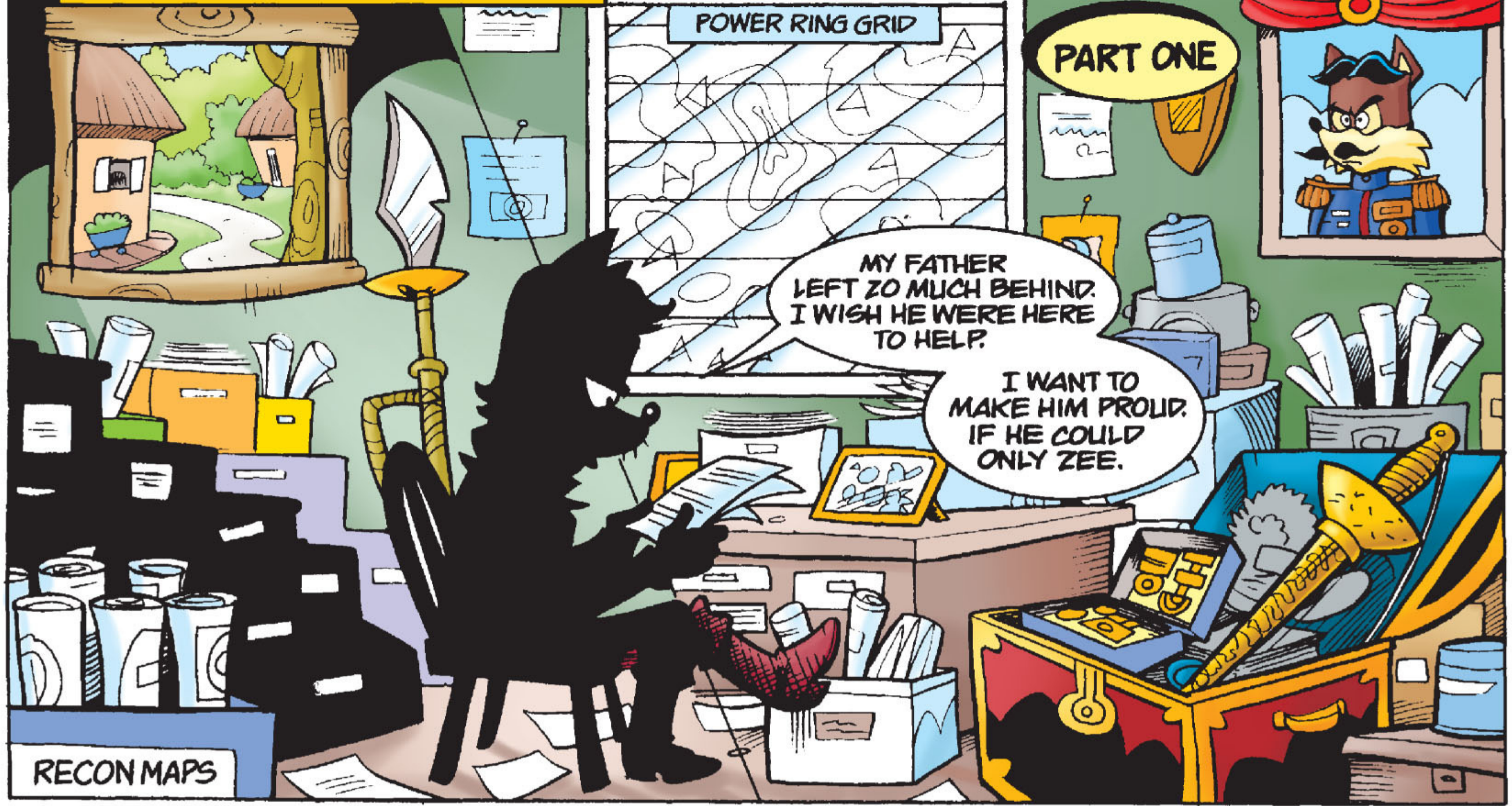
KING ACORN RESTORED TO HEALTH?! LOOKS LIKE IT'S COUNTDOWN TO ROBOTNIK'S DESTRUCTION, OR IS IT? THE ANSWER IS ENDGAME IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.13! AND WHAT OF MAMMOTH MOGUL? KEEP READING SONIC ARCHIVES, SELECT & THE UPCOMING KNUCKLES ARCHIVES TO FIND OUT!

THE FLIGHT OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IS A NEVER-ENDING ONE. EACH TRIES FINDING A WAY TO STOP ROBOTNIK'S TERRORIZING OF THE FOREST EVERY SINGLE DAY. TODAY IS NO EXCEPTION.

FROM THE ANTOINE FILES:

THE MAP

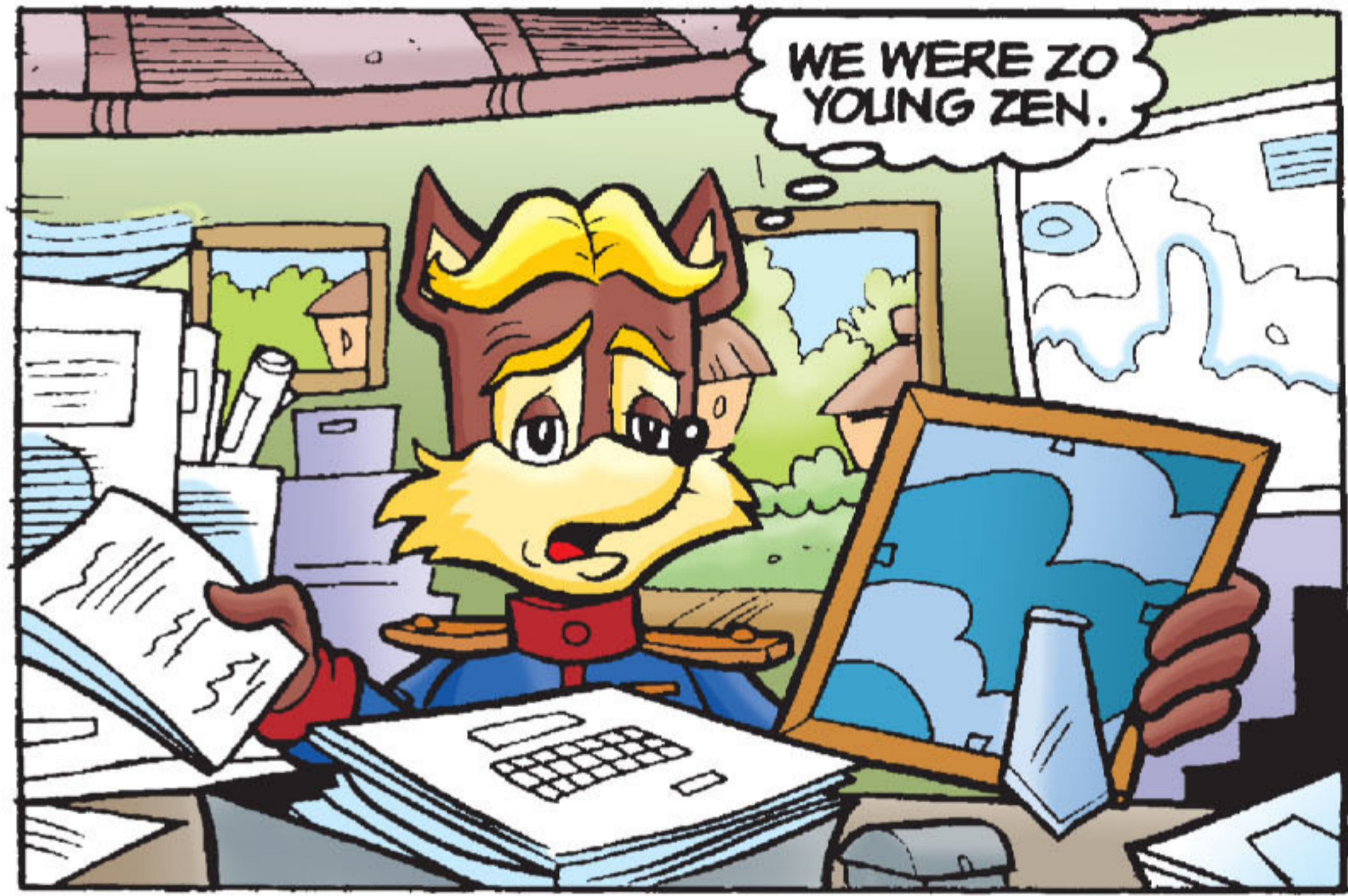
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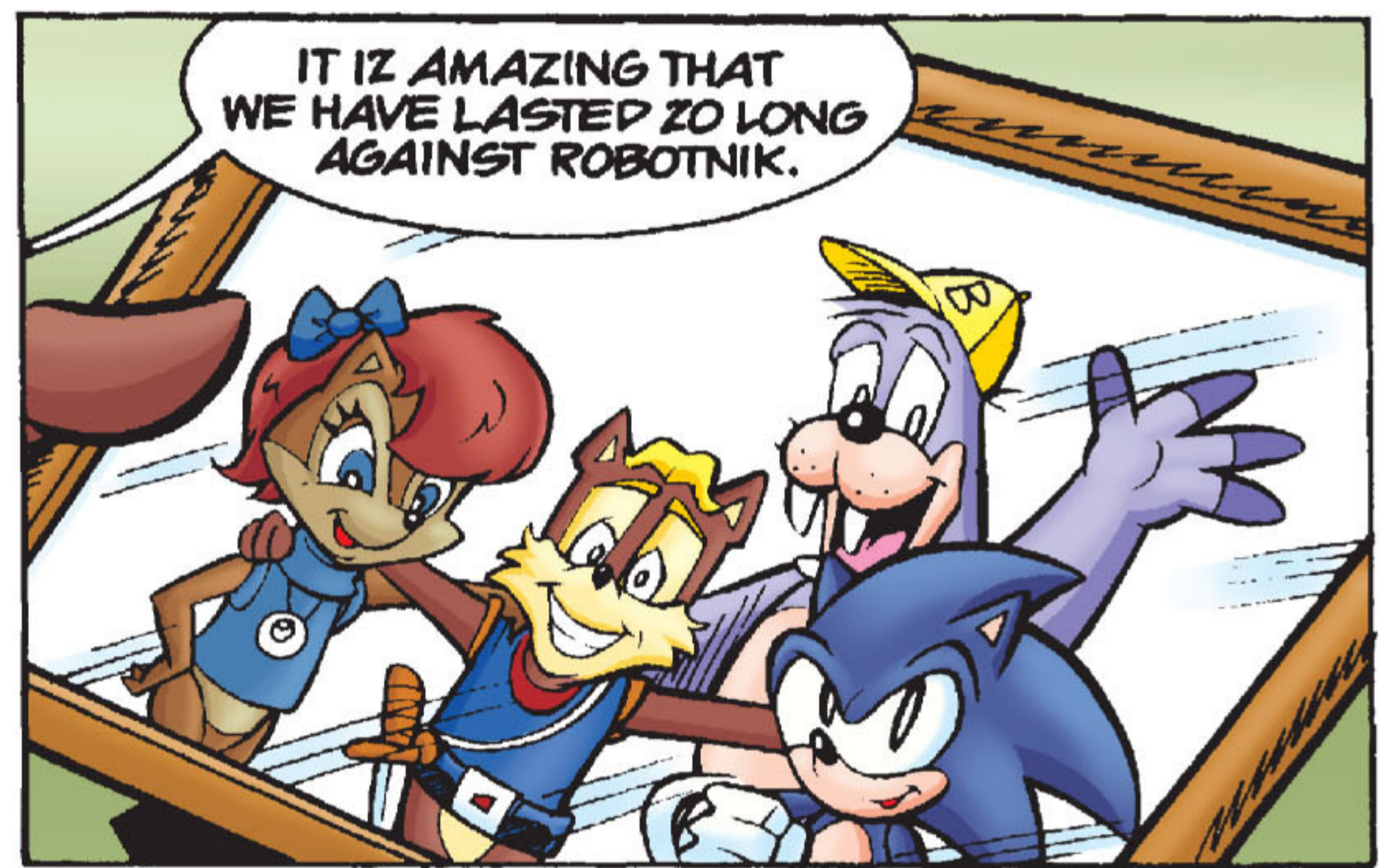
MY FATHER LEFT SO MUCH BEHIND. I WISH HE WERE HERE TO HELP.

I WANT TO MAKE HIM PROUD. IF HE COULD ONLY ZEE.

RECON MAPS



WE WERE SO YOUNG ZEN.



IT IS AMAZING THAT WE HAVE LASTED SO LONG AGAINST ROBOTNIK.

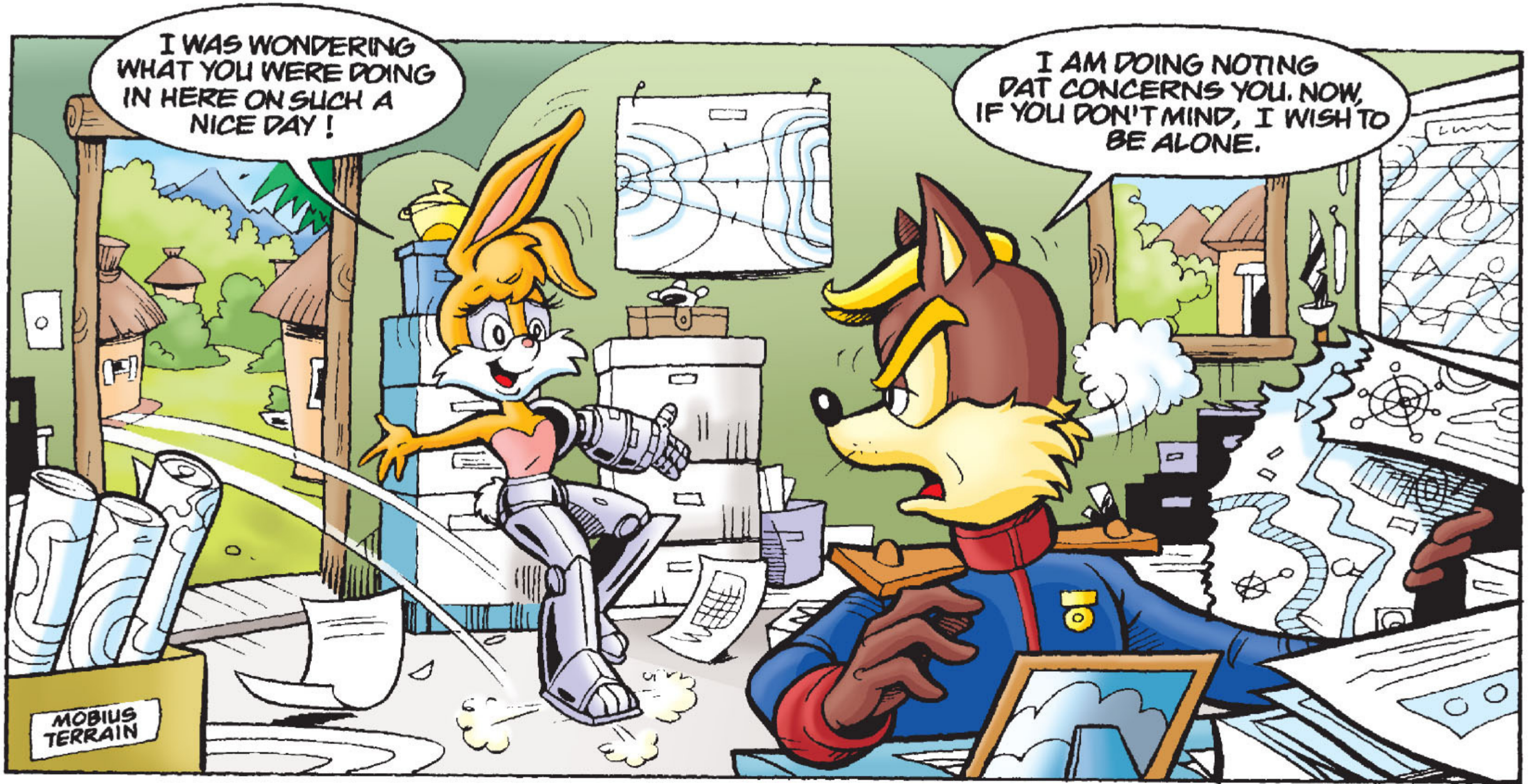


PERHAPS THIS IS A WAY TO FINALLY DEFEAT HIM.



BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

WHAT IS THIS MAP SUPPOSED TO LEAD TO...?



I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU WERE DOING IN HERE ON SUCH A NICE DAY!

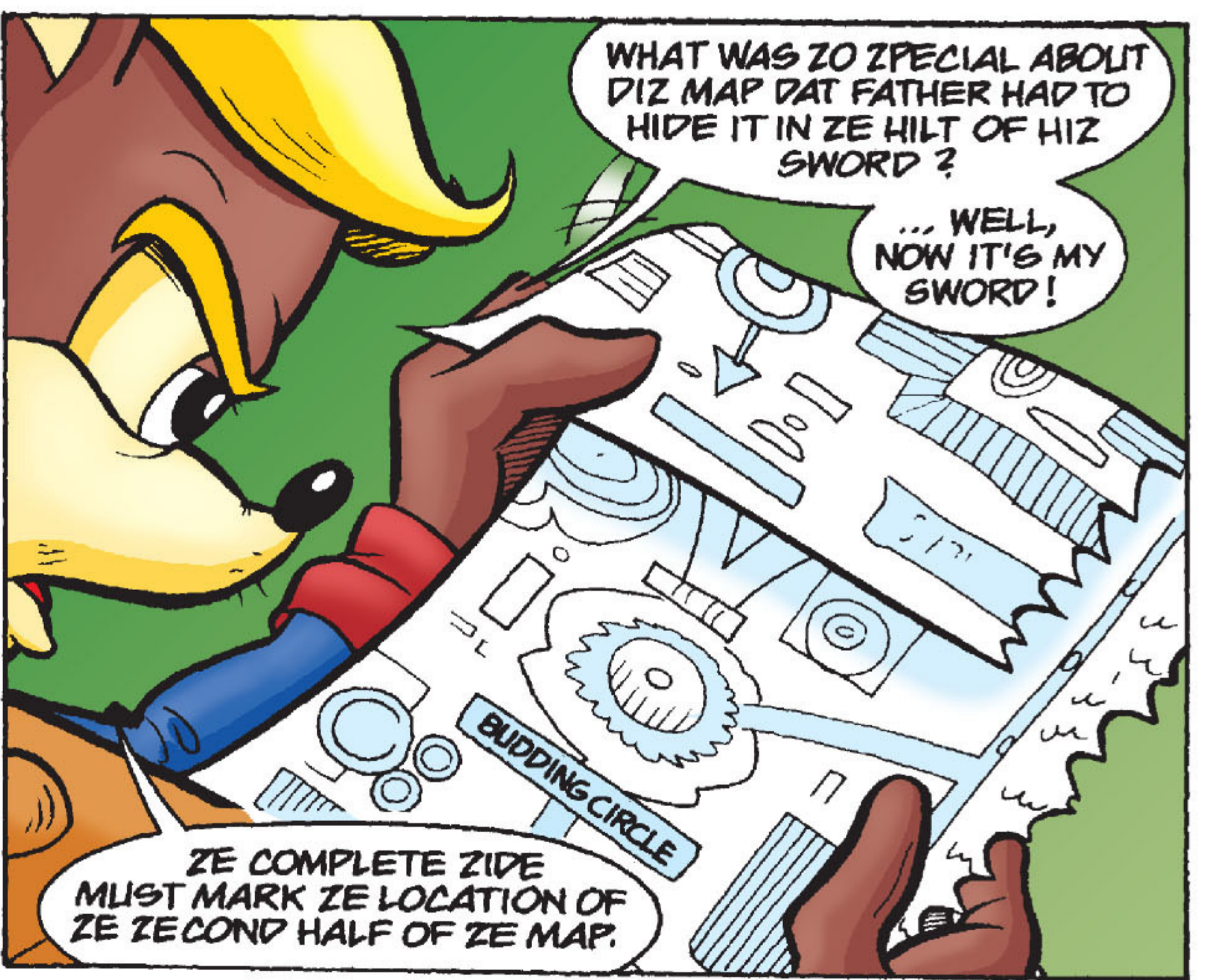
I AM DOING NOTING DAT CONCERNS YOU. NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I WISH TO BE ALONE.

MOBIUS TERRAIN



I CAN TELL WHEN I'M NOT WANTED. JUST WAIT TILL I GET SOME STUFF TO WORK ON...

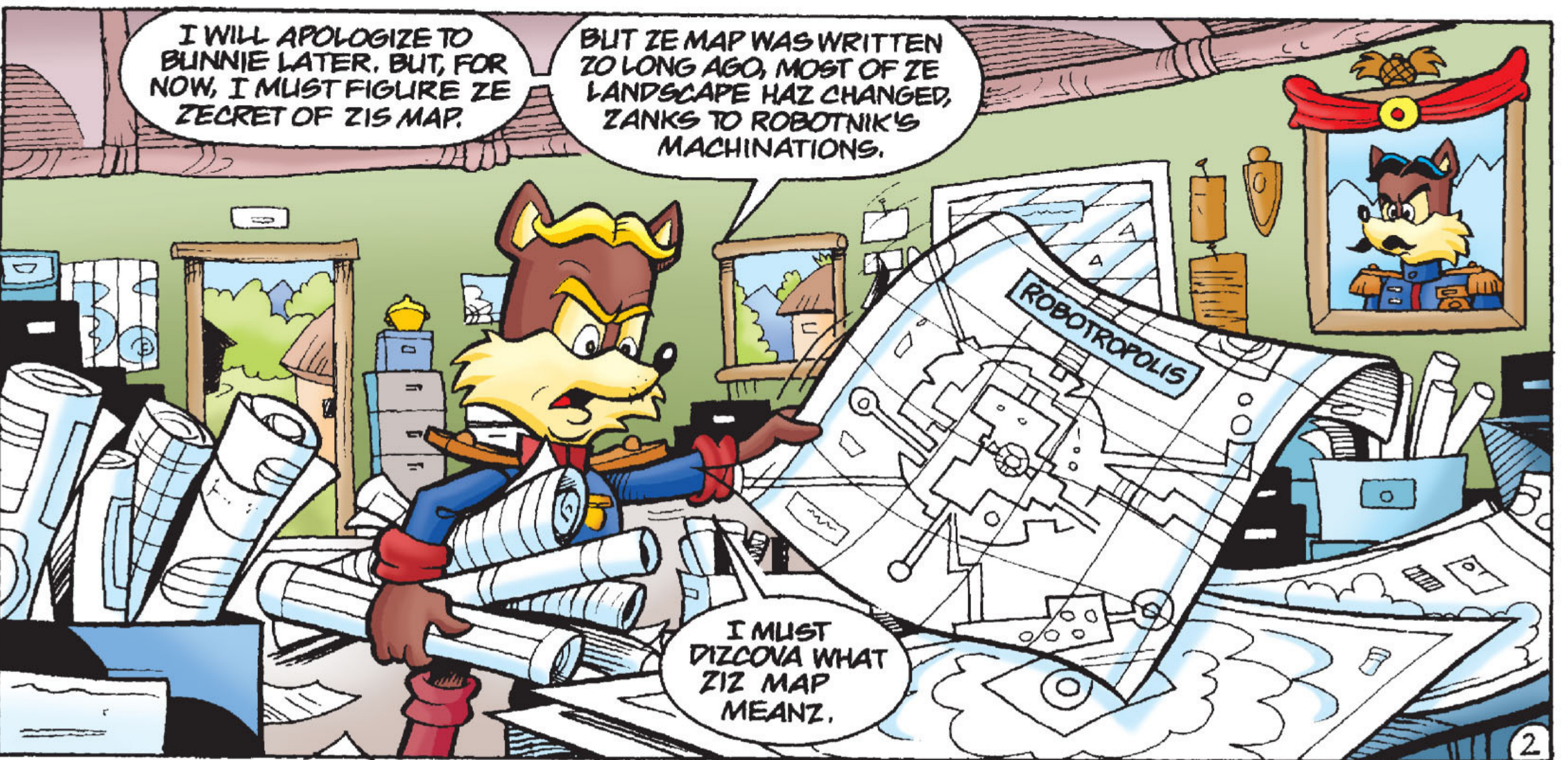
ZANK YOU FOR BEING SO OBSERVANT. NOW, IF YOU PLEASE...



WHAT WAS ZO ZPECIAL ABOUT DIZ MAP DAT FATHER HAD TO HIDE IT IN ZE HILT OF HIZ SWORD?

... WELL, NOW IT'S MY SWORD!

ZE COMPLETE ZIDE MUST MARK ZE LOCATION OF ZE ZECOND HALF OF ZE MAP.

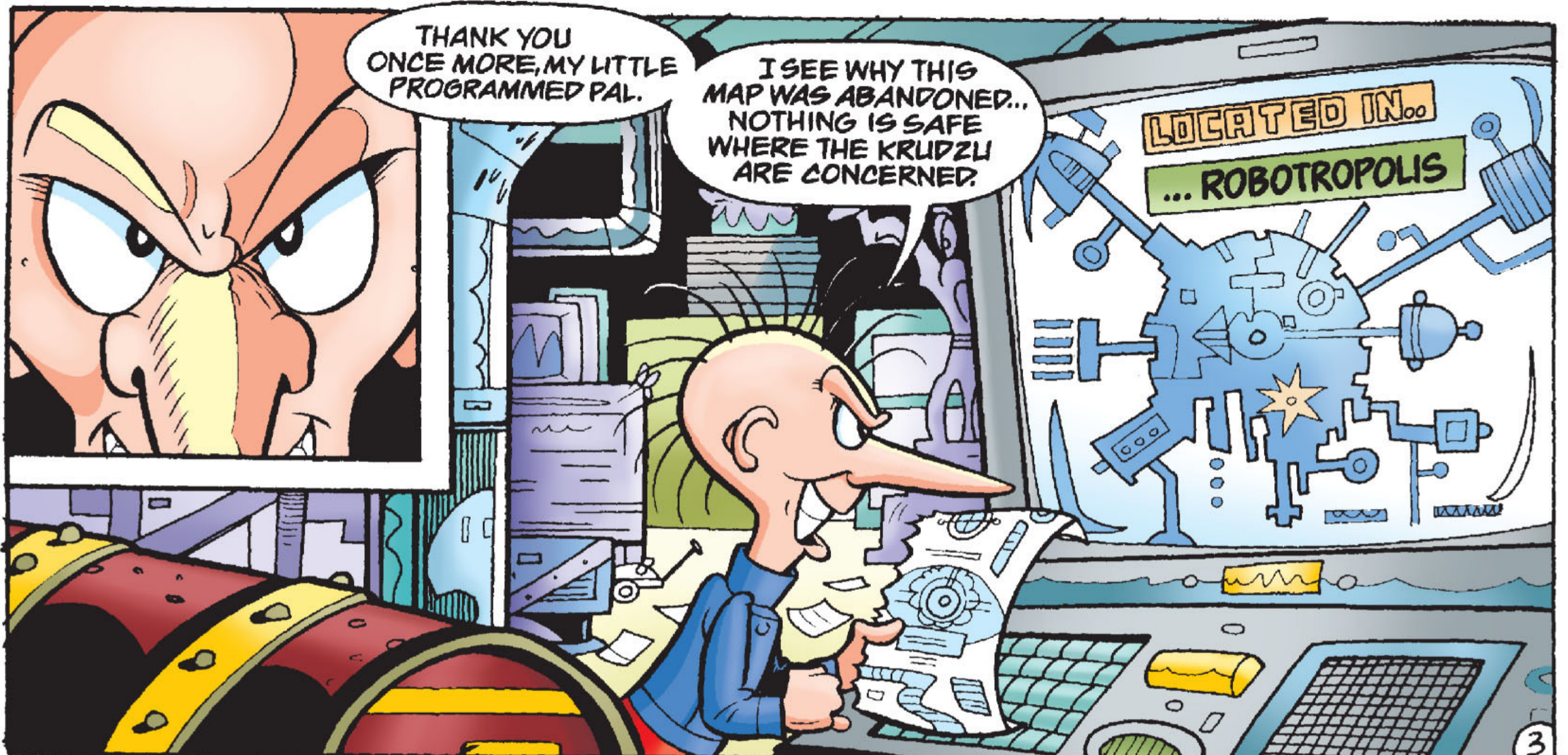
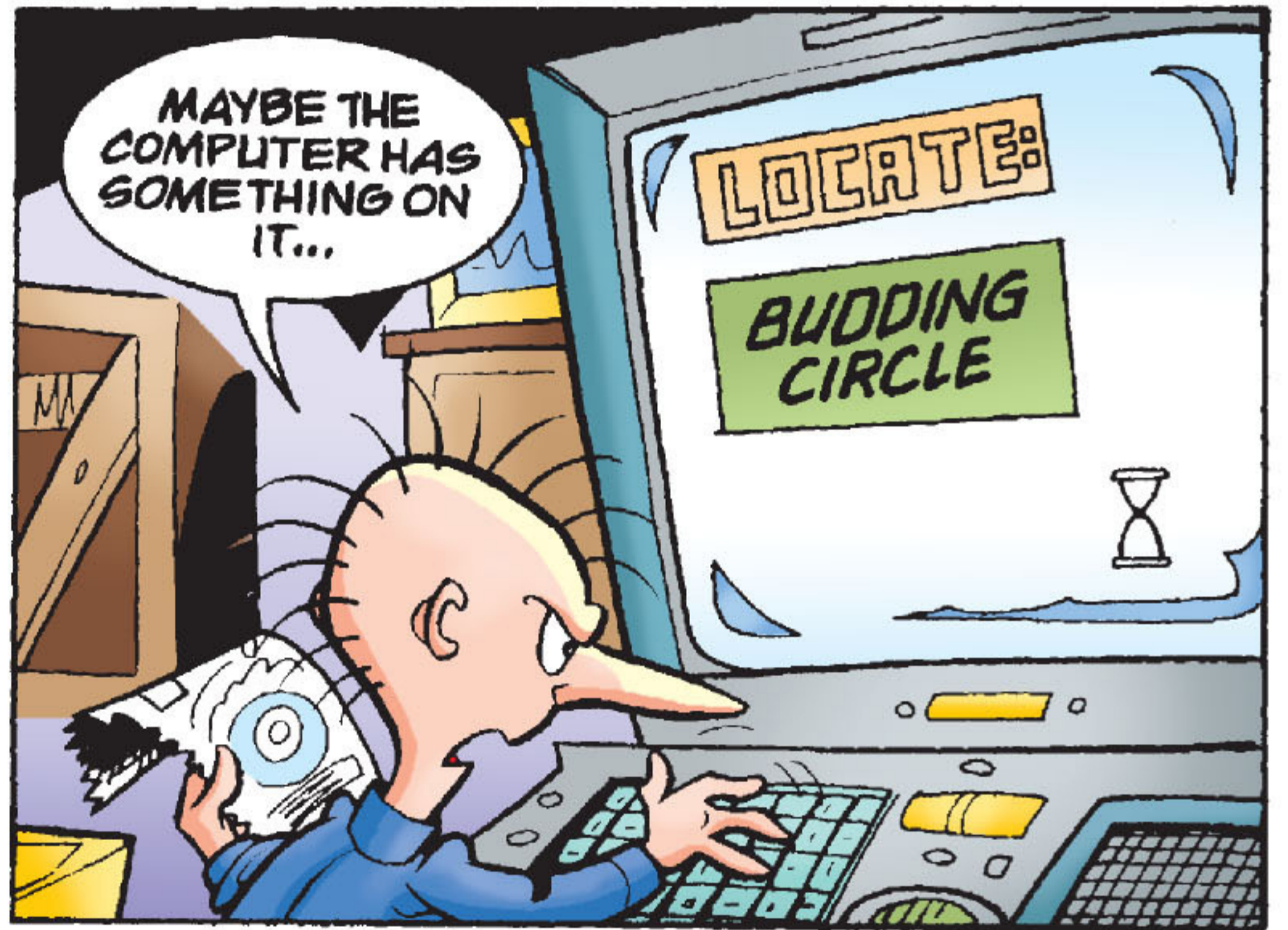
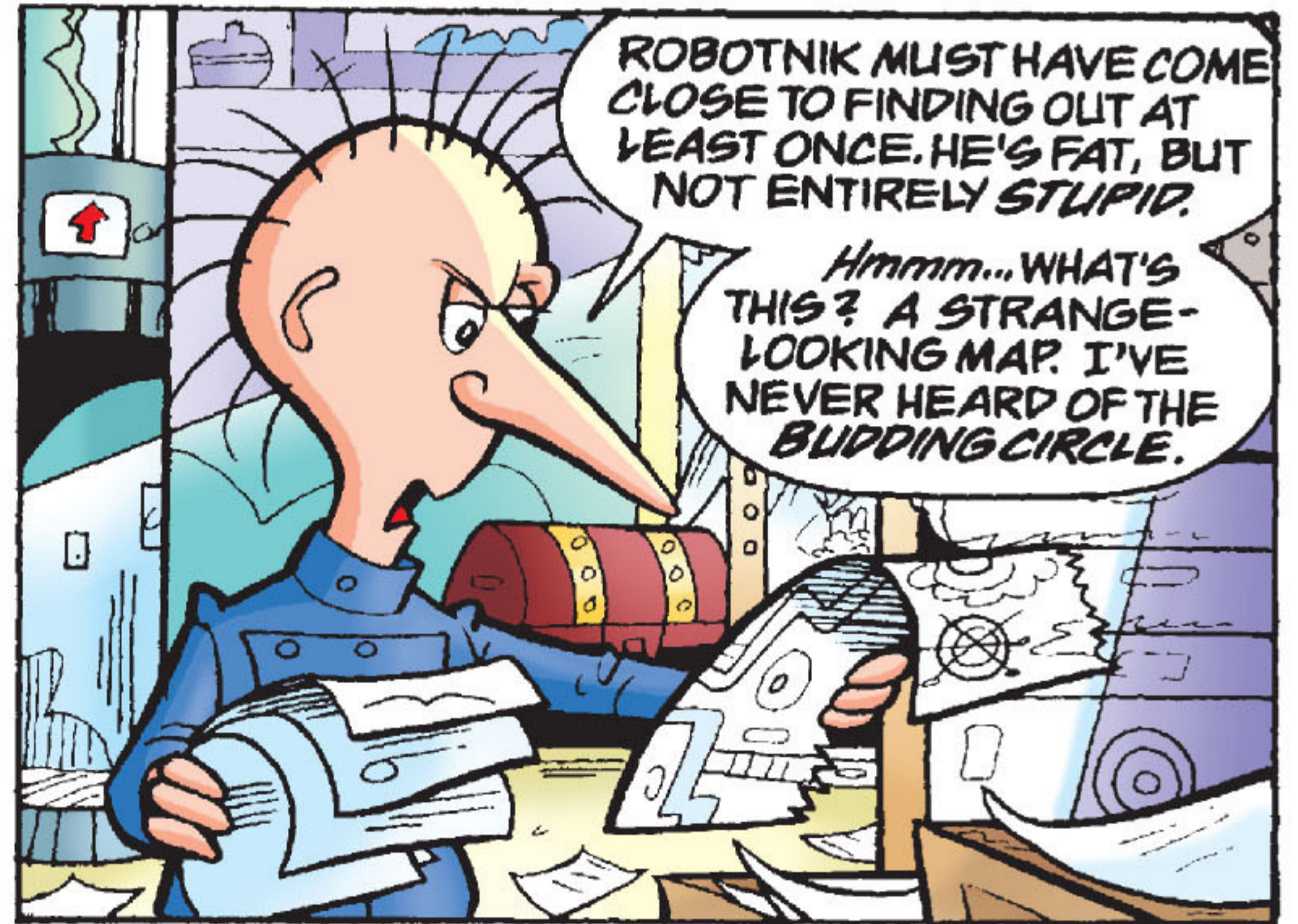
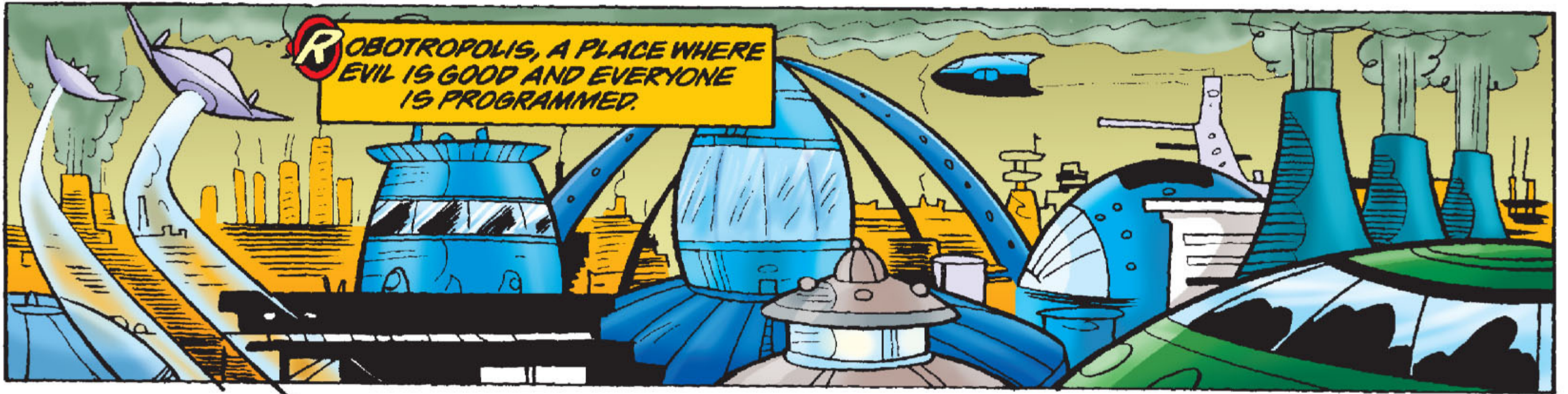


I WILL APOLOGIZE TO BUNNIE LATER. BUT, FOR NOW, I MUST FIGURE ZE ZECRET OF ZIS MAP.

BUT ZE MAP WAS WRITTEN ZO LONG AGO, MOST OF ZE LANDSCAPE HAZ CHANGED, ZANKS TO ROBOTNIK'S MACHINATIONS.

I MUST DIZCOVA WHAT ZIZ MAP MEANZ.

ROBOTROPOLIS



BACK IN KNOTHOLE.

BOTH MAPS HAVE ONE COMPLETE ZIDE, THE X ON THE COMPLETE ZIDE IZ AT A PLACE CALLED BUDDING CIRCLE.

BUDDING CIRCLE WAS A ZECTION IN MOBOTROPOLIS. ROBOTNIK DESTROYED IT WIT HIZ WRETCHED KRUDZU, ORGANIC, METALLIC PLANTS THAT GROW FROM ZEEDS.*

* REDISCOVERED BY THE 'BOTS WAY BACK IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.1 -- SELECT-ITOR

** AGAIN, ARCHIVES VOL.1 - EDITOR

ZE GROUND AT BUDDING CIRCLE COULD NOT TAKE THE STRAIN AND COLLAPSED THEM DOWN INTO ZE EARTH.

AFTER DAT, ROBOTNIK TRIED USING DEM IN ZE GREAT FOREST, UNTIL WE DIZCOVERED THEIR ONLY WEAKNESS-- WATER! ** ZEN ZE KRUDZU WERE NEVER SEEN AGAIN.

MAYBE DE FAT MAN IZ HIDING DOZ HORRID PLANTS PARE ? OR DE MAP TO FIND WHERE HE PUT DE REST OF DE ZEEDS ? OR MAYBE DE MAP LEADZ TO DE MOST POWERFUL OF POWER RINGS ?

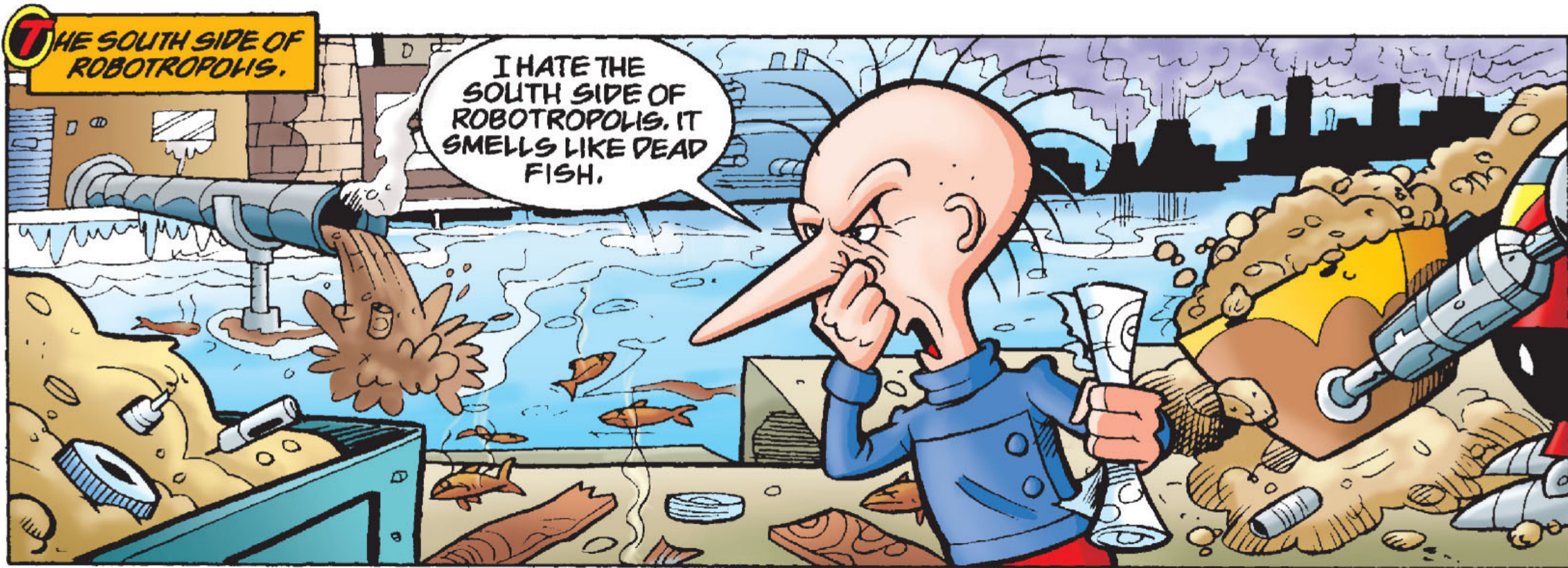
NONE DE LESS, I HAVE COORDINATES DAT WILL PUT ME NEAR ONE MILE OF WHERE BUDDING CIRCLE UZED TO BE. I'M SURE DE OLD WELL IZ NOT DARE, BUT I MUST TRY.

WHAT PROBLEMS COULD I HAVE ? ZE ZOUTH ZIDE OF ROBOTROPOLIS IZ A STINKY ZEWER. NO ONE IN DARE RIGHT MIND WOULD GO PARE.

TUNNEL 3B LEADS ZTRAIGHT TO ZAT PART OF ZE CITEE,

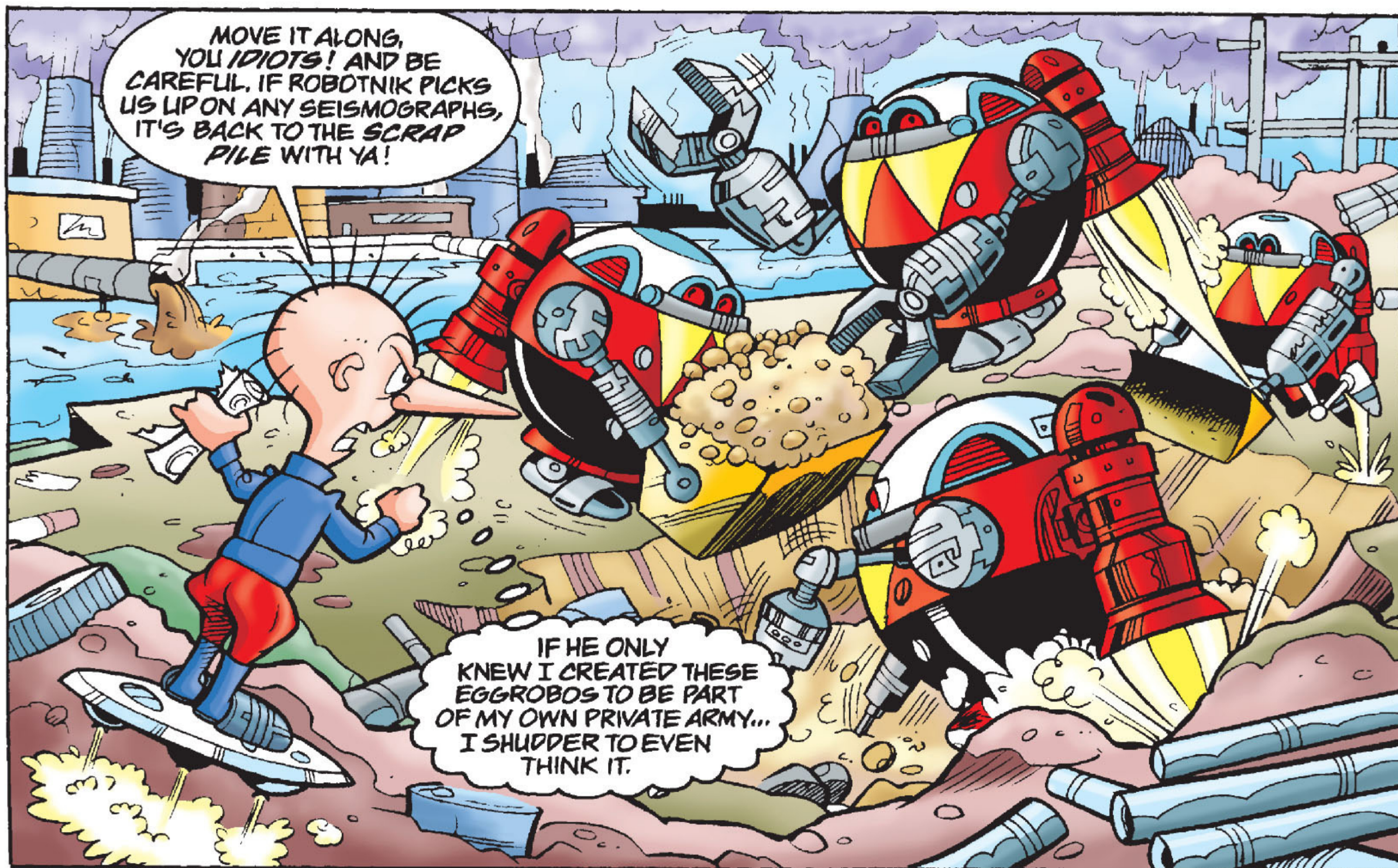
I MUST TELL ZOMEONE. NO, I CAN NOT, TO TELL PRINCEZZ ZALLY OR ANYONE ELZE, WOULD MEAN GIVING AN INCOMPLETE REPORT, AND AZ MY FATHER TOLD ME ONCE, "A REPORT IZ WORT NOTING IF EET IZ INCOMPLETE."

I SHALL DO DIS ON MY OWN.



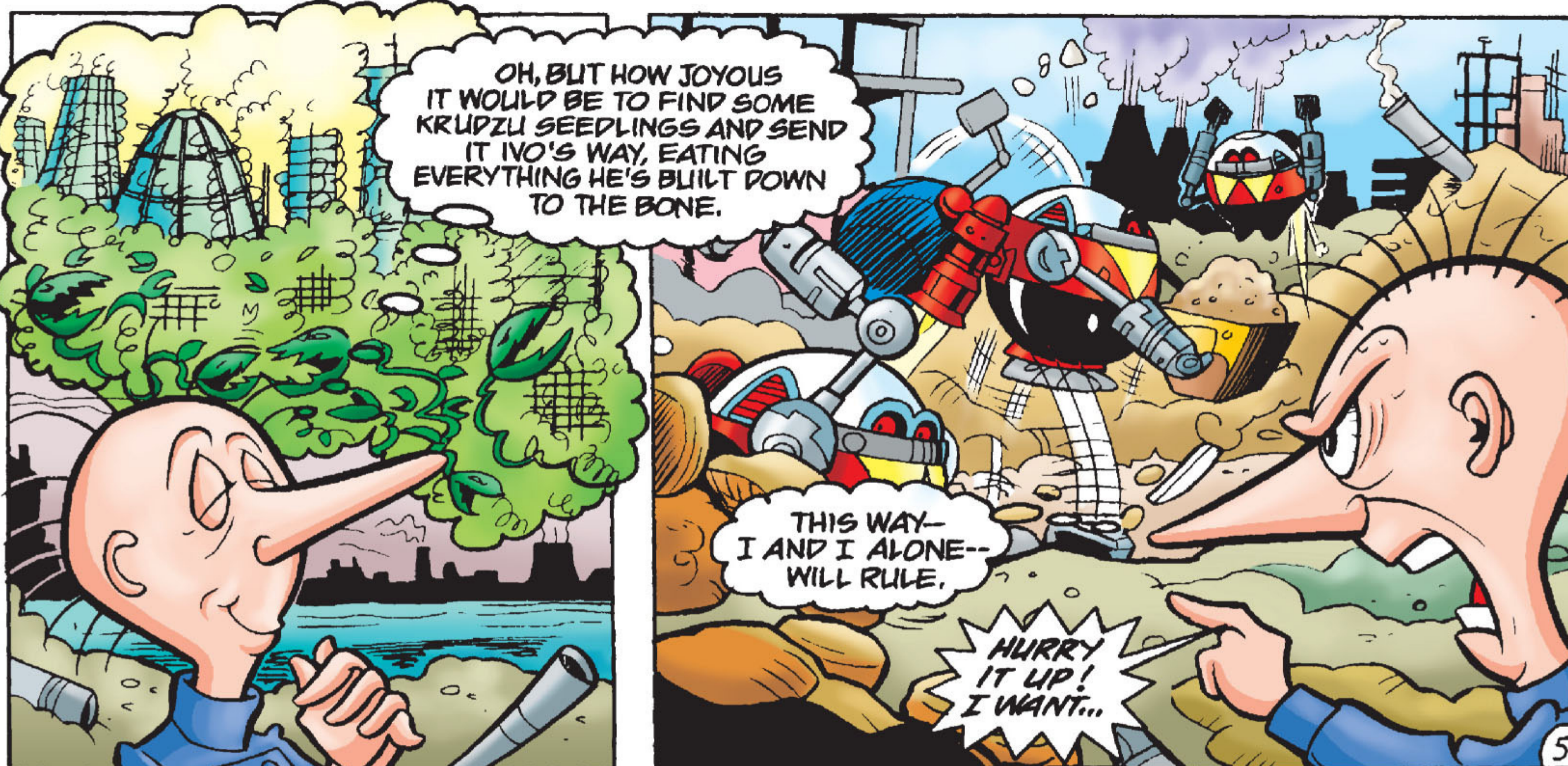
THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROBOTROPOLIS.

I HATE THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROBOTROPOLIS. IT SMELLS LIKE DEAD FISH.



MOVE IT ALONG, YOU IDIOTS! AND BE CAREFUL. IF ROBOTNIK PICKS US UP ON ANY SEISMOGRAPHS, IT'S BACK TO THE SCRAP PILE WITH YA!

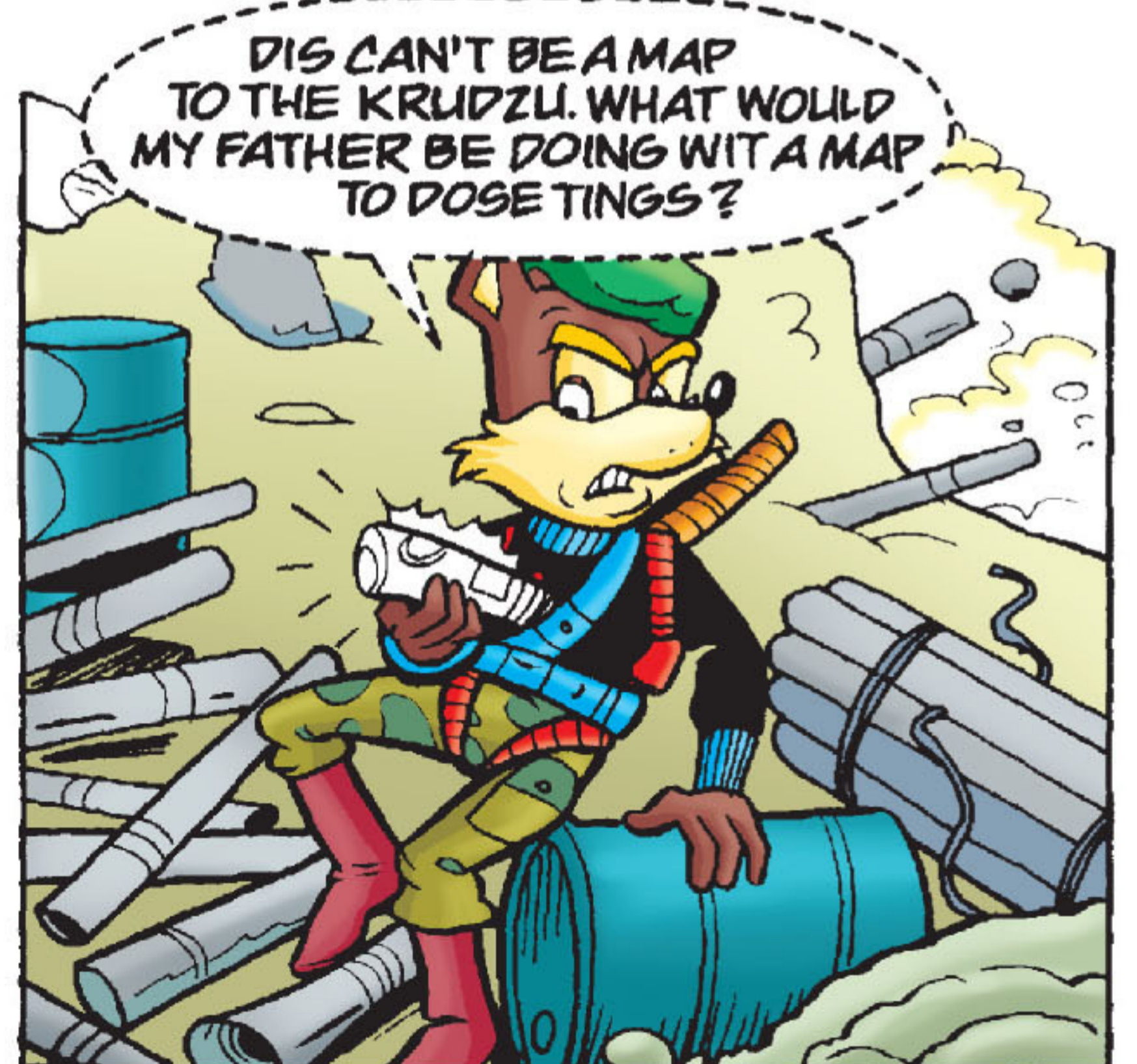
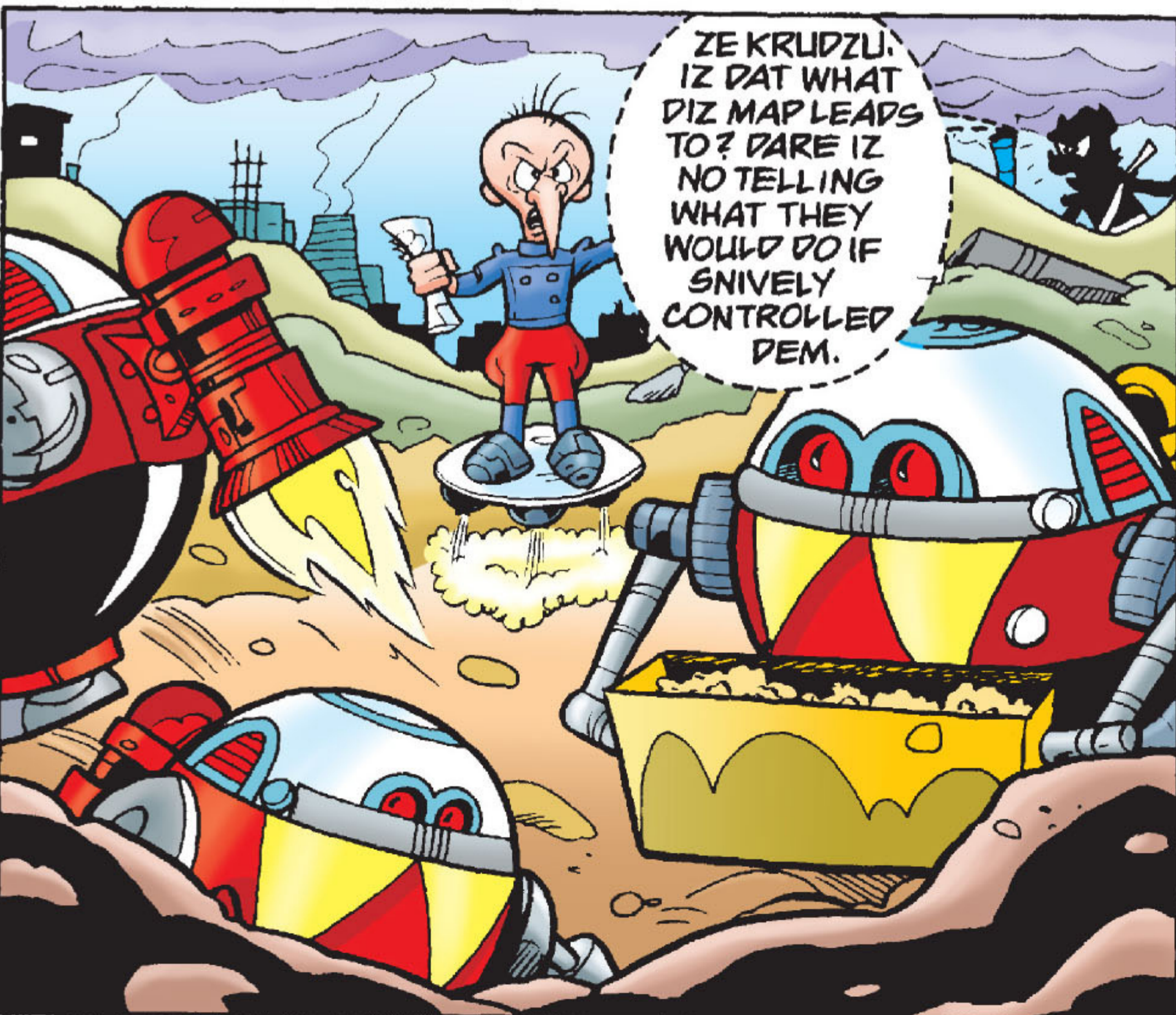
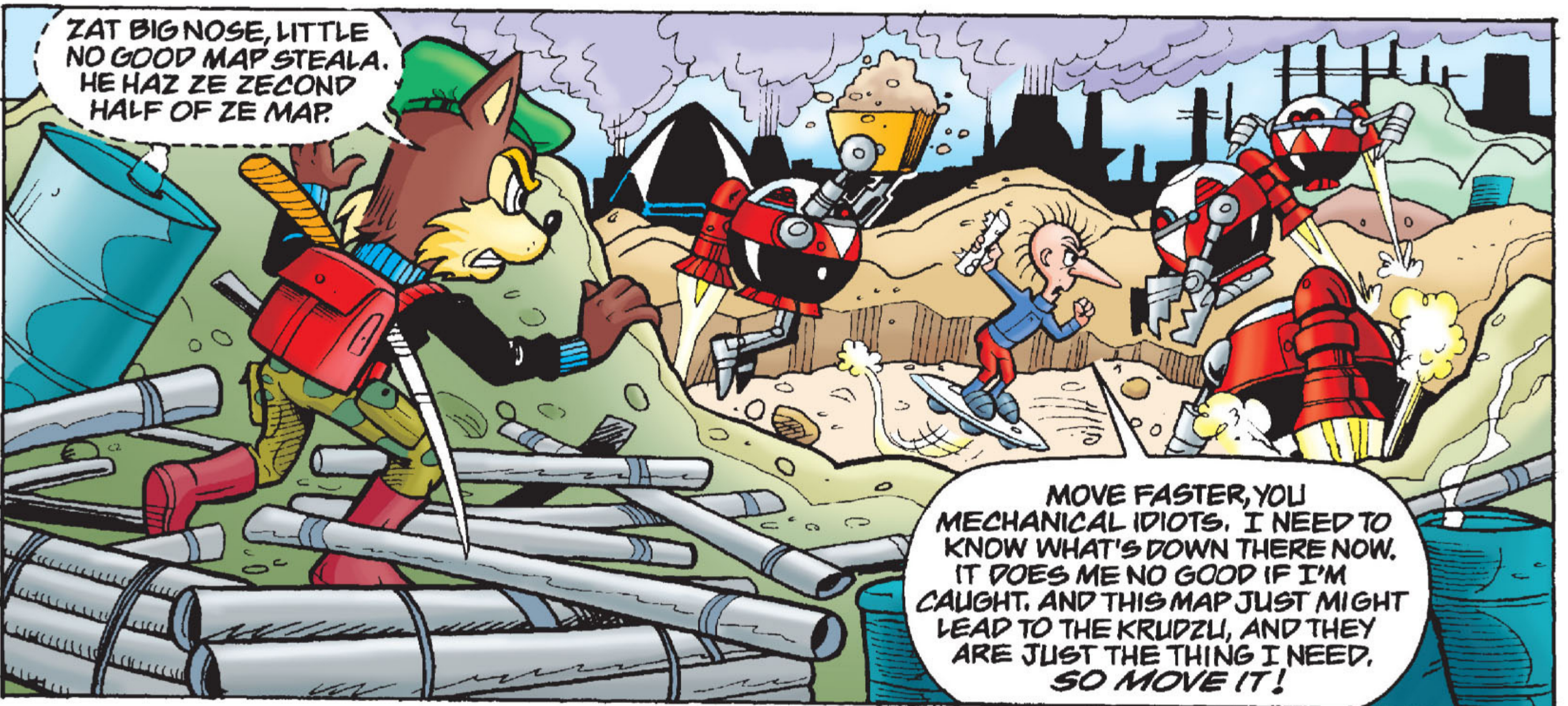
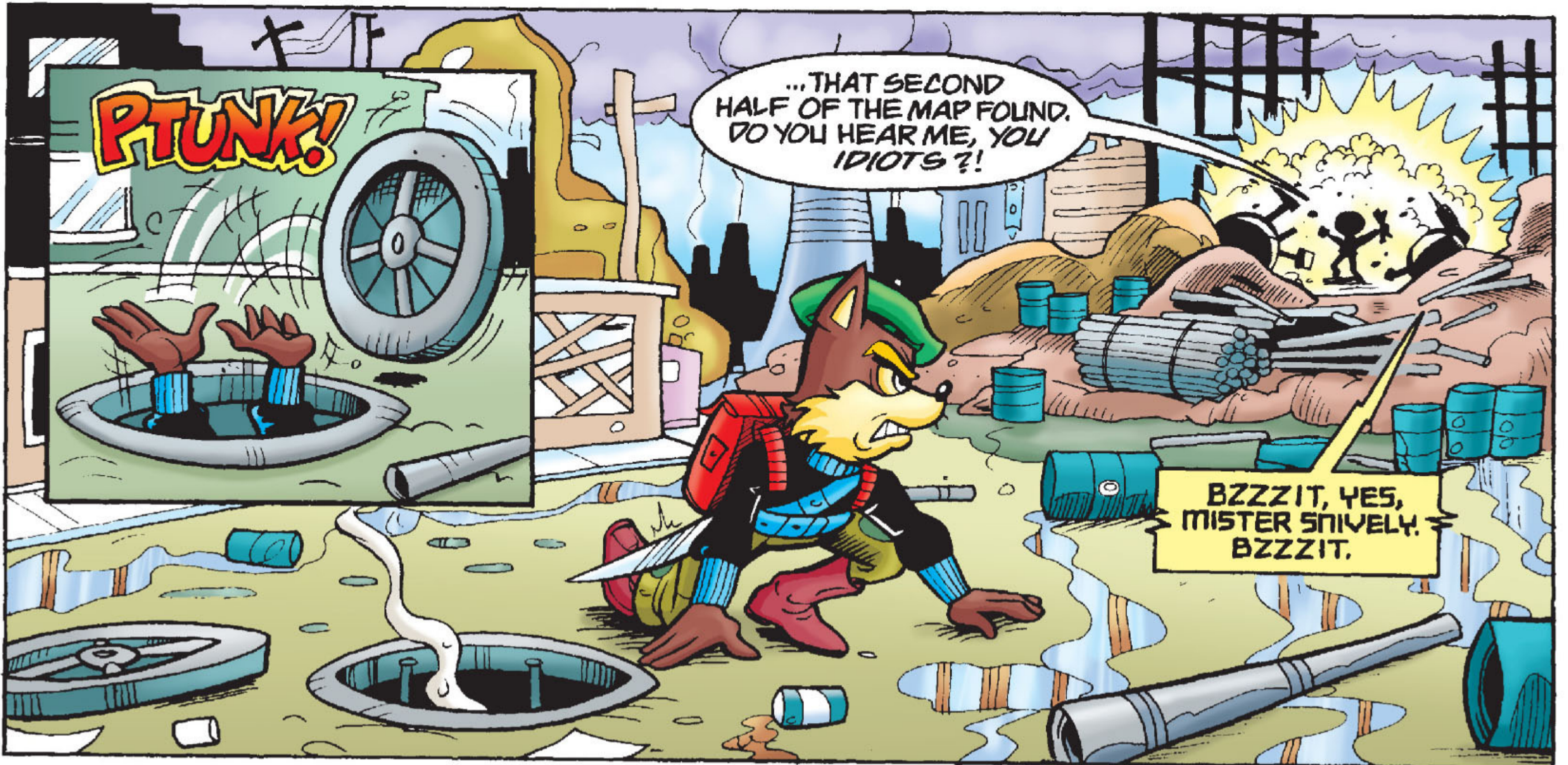
IF HE ONLY KNEW I CREATED THESE EGGROBS TO BE PART OF MY OWN PRIVATE ARMY... I SHUDDER TO EVEN THINK IT.

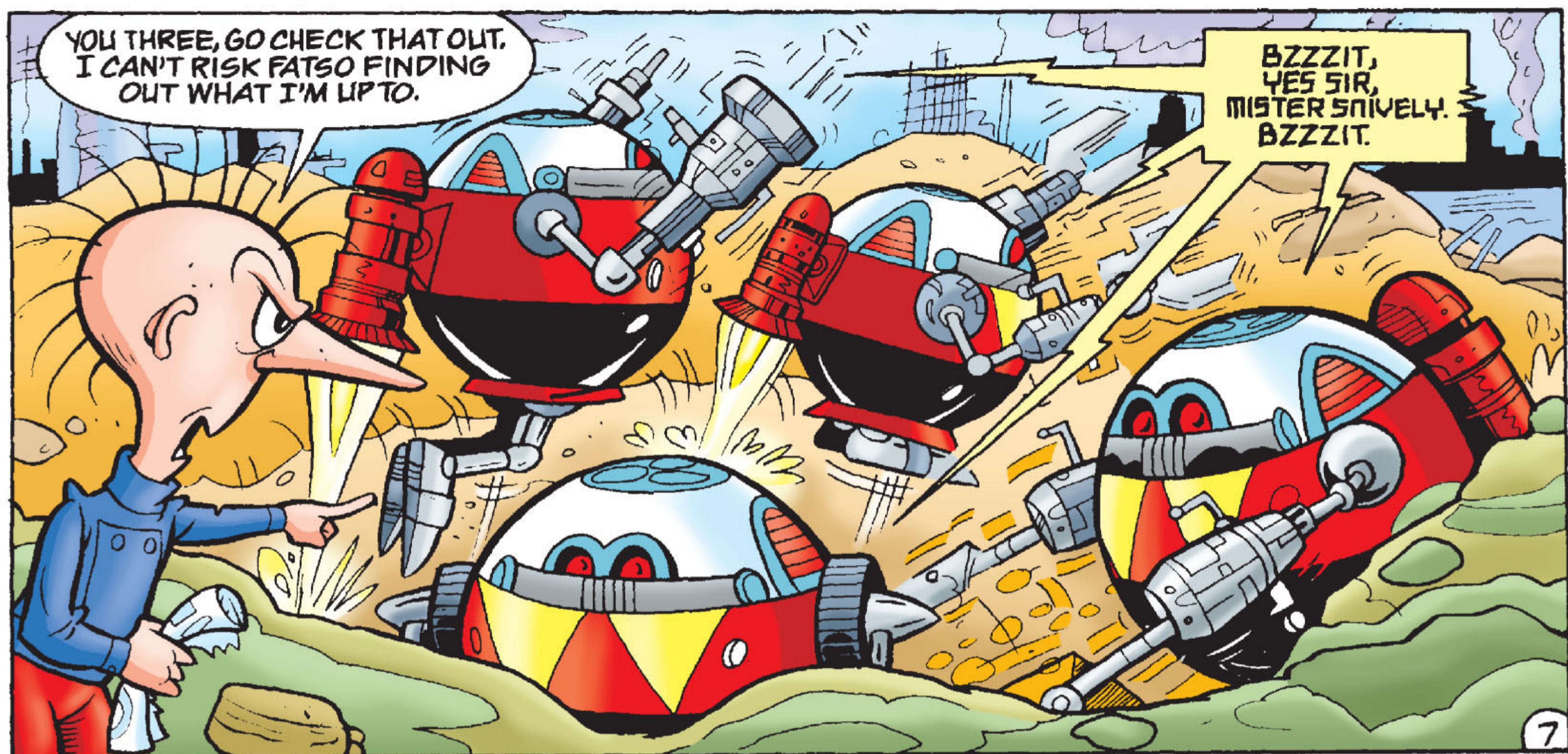
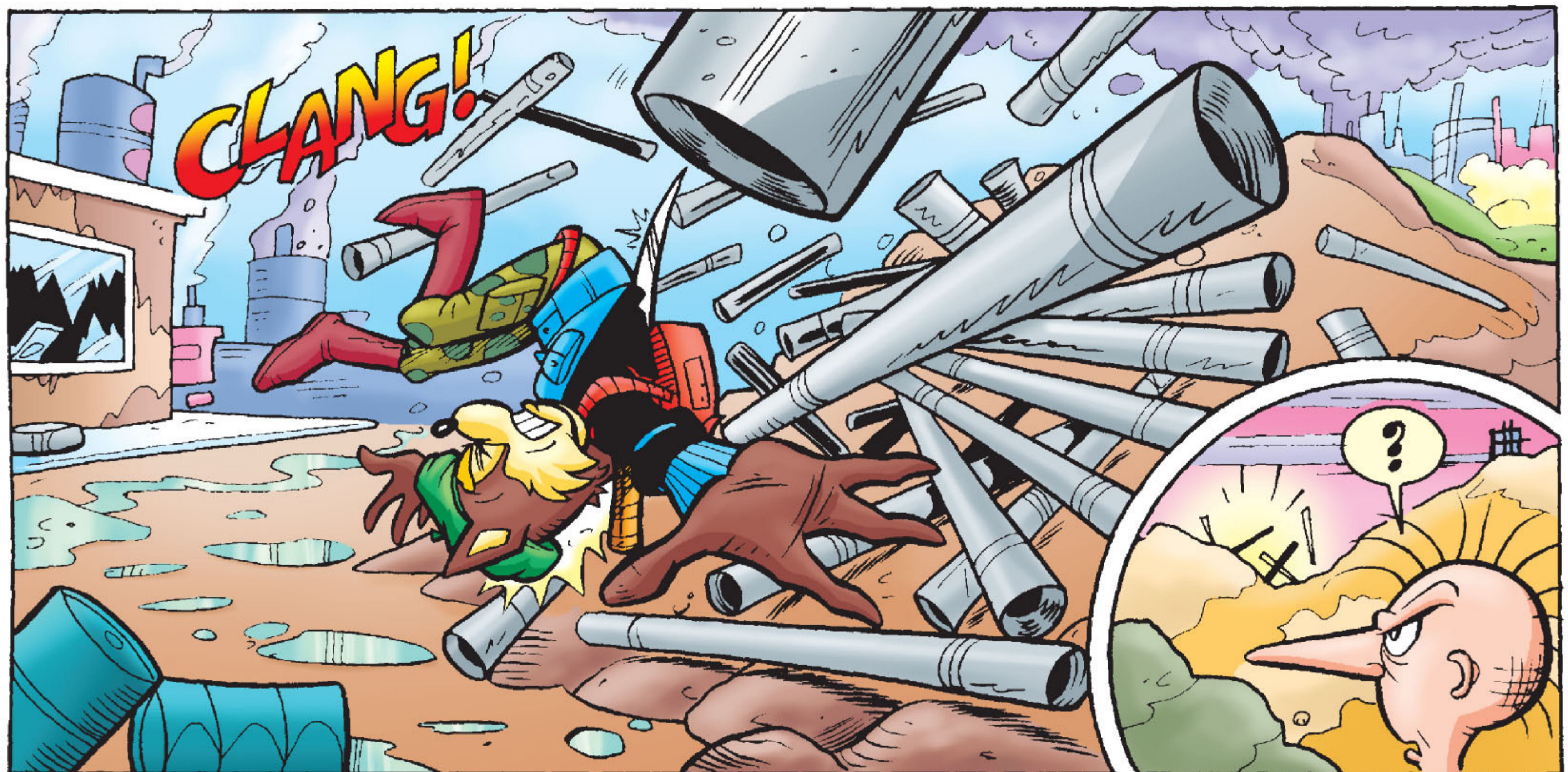


OH, BUT HOW JOYOUS IT WOULD BE TO FIND SOME KRUPZU SEEDLINGS AND SEND IT IVO'S WAY, EATING EVERYTHING HE'S BUILT DOWN TO THE BONE.

THIS WAY— I AND I ALONE— WILL RULE.

HURRY IT UP! I WANT...





BZZZIT. SEARCH.

DESTROY. BZZZIT.

ZIS IZ DE END FOR ME.

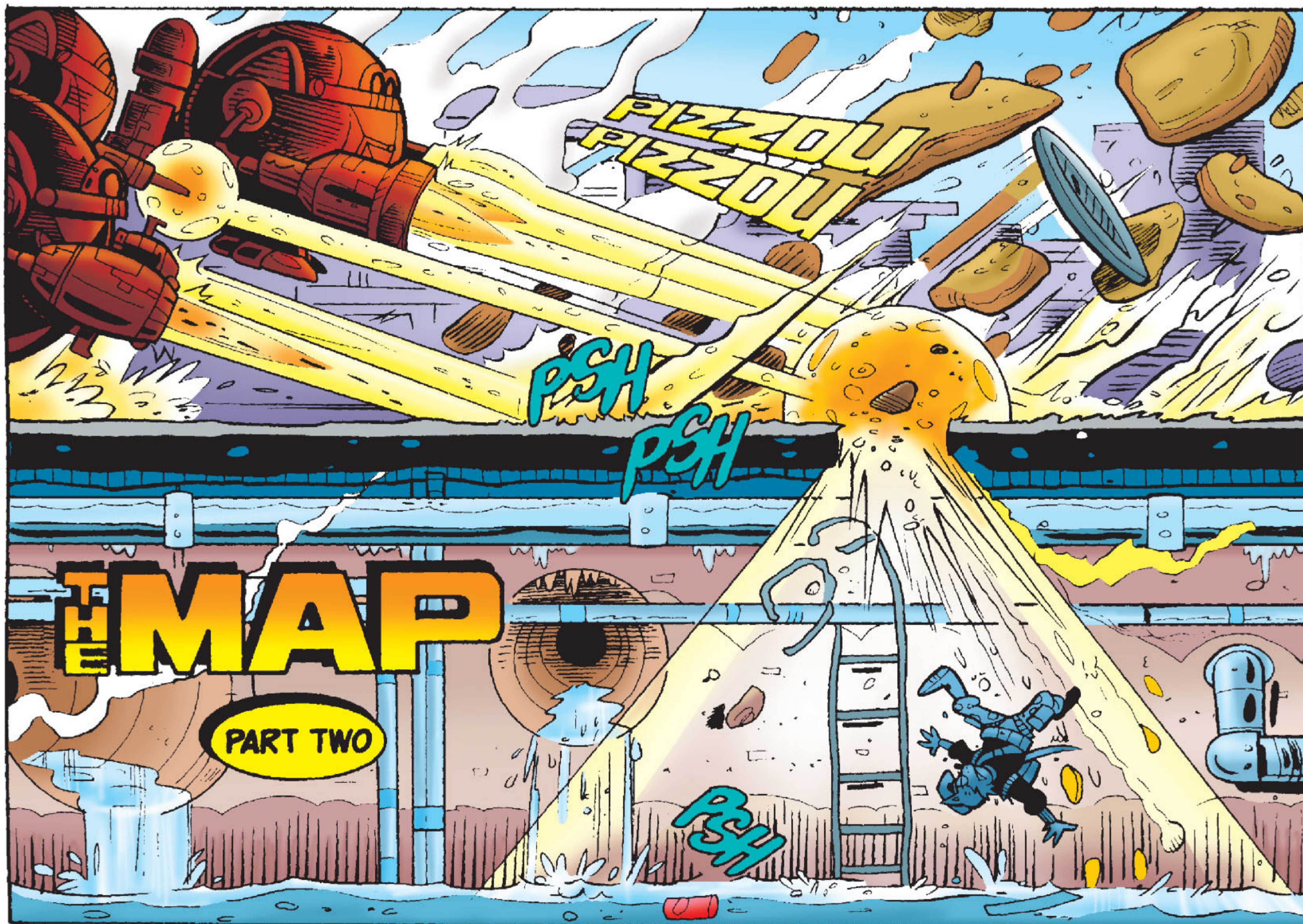
WILL ANTOINE MAKE IT BACK TO KNOTHOLE TO WARN HIS FRIENDS, OR HAS TIME RUN OUT FOR THE FREEDOM FIGHTER?

END OF PART ONE



BZZIT. WE HAVE A LOCK ON TARGET. BZZIT.

I AM NOT GOING TO MAKE IT. IT'S BEEN A GOOD LIFE.



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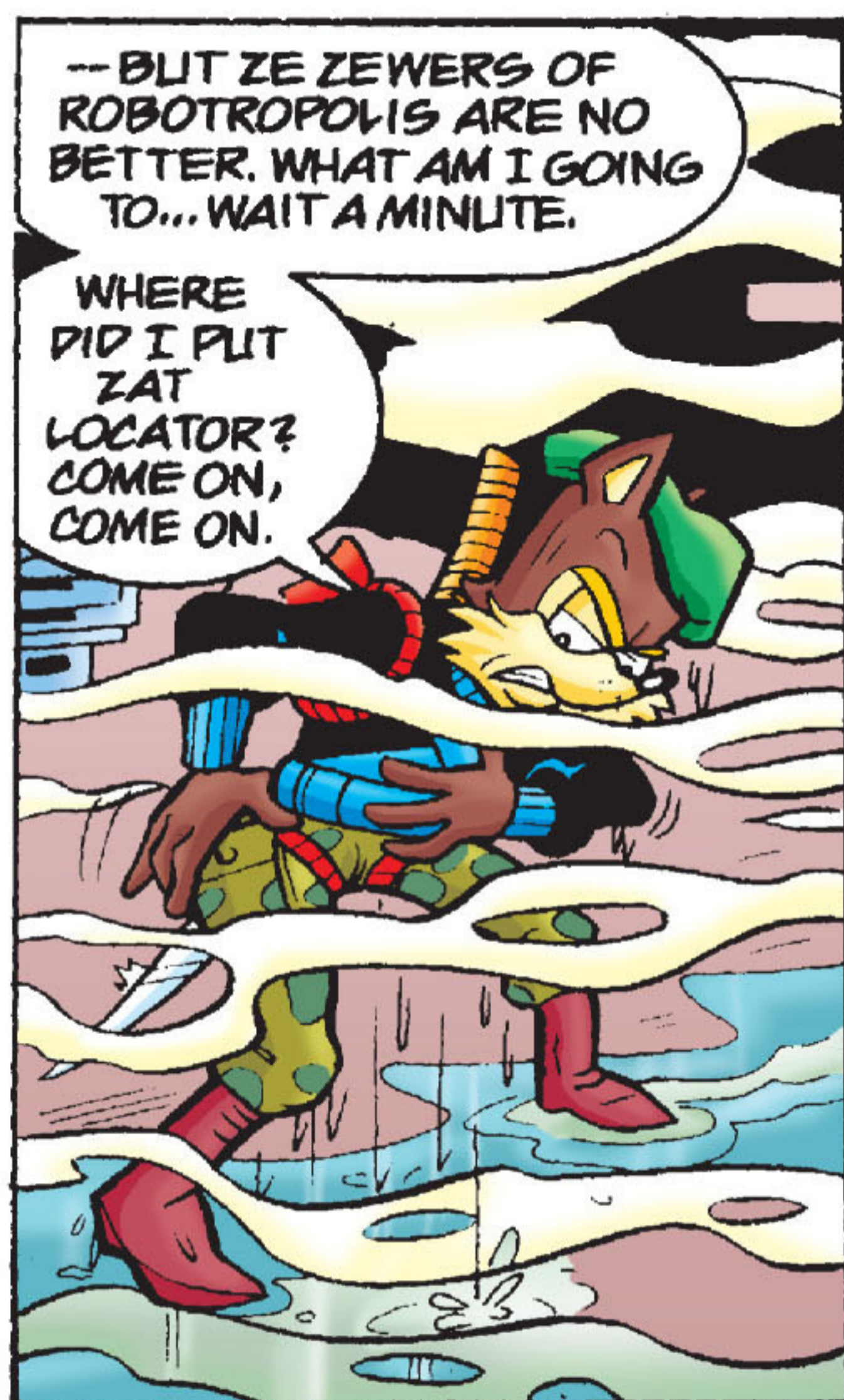
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PART TWO

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BOOF!
ZAT WAZ TOO CLOSE FOR ME--



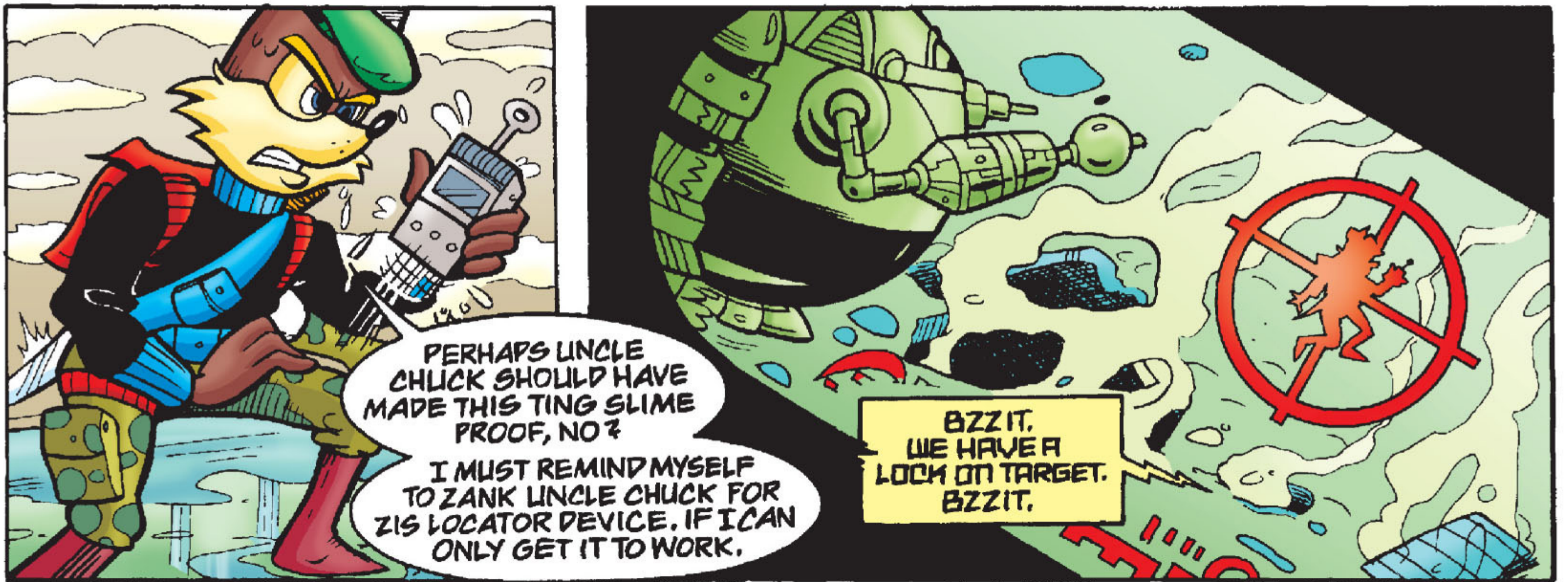
-- BUT ZE ZEWERS OF ROBOTROPOLIS ARE NO BETTER. WHAT AM I GOING TO... WAIT A MINUTE.

WHERE DID I PUT ZAT LOCATOR? COME ON, COME ON.



PIZZOU PIZZOU

WHY DID I HAVE TO WEAR A PAIR OF PANTZ WIT ZO MANY POCKETS?



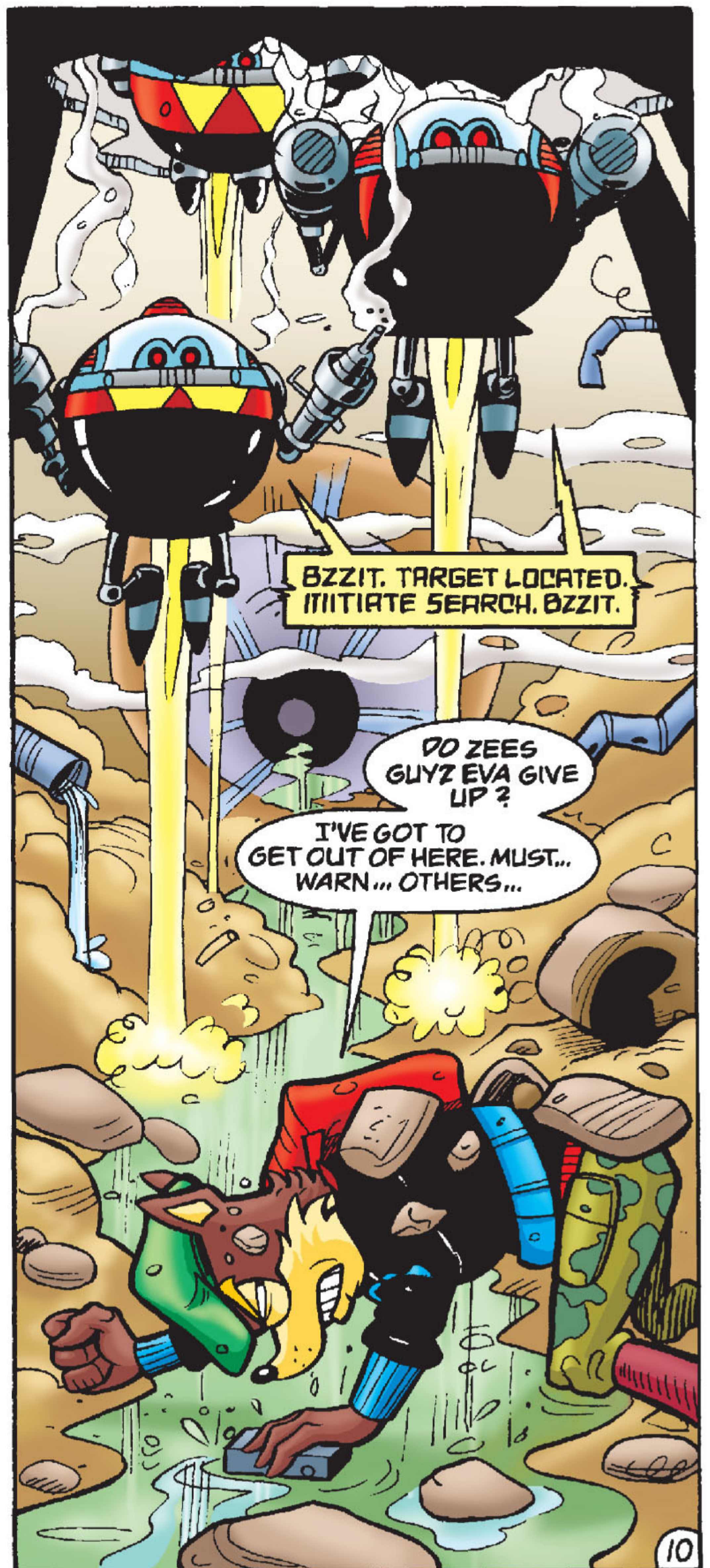
PERHAPS UNCLE CHUCK SHOULD HAVE MADE THIS THING SLIME PROOF, NO?

I MUST REMIND MYSELF TO ZANK UNCLE CHUCK FOR ZIS LOCATOR DEVICE. IF I CAN ONLY GET IT TO WORK.

BZZIT, WE HAVE A LOCK ON TARGET. BZZIT.



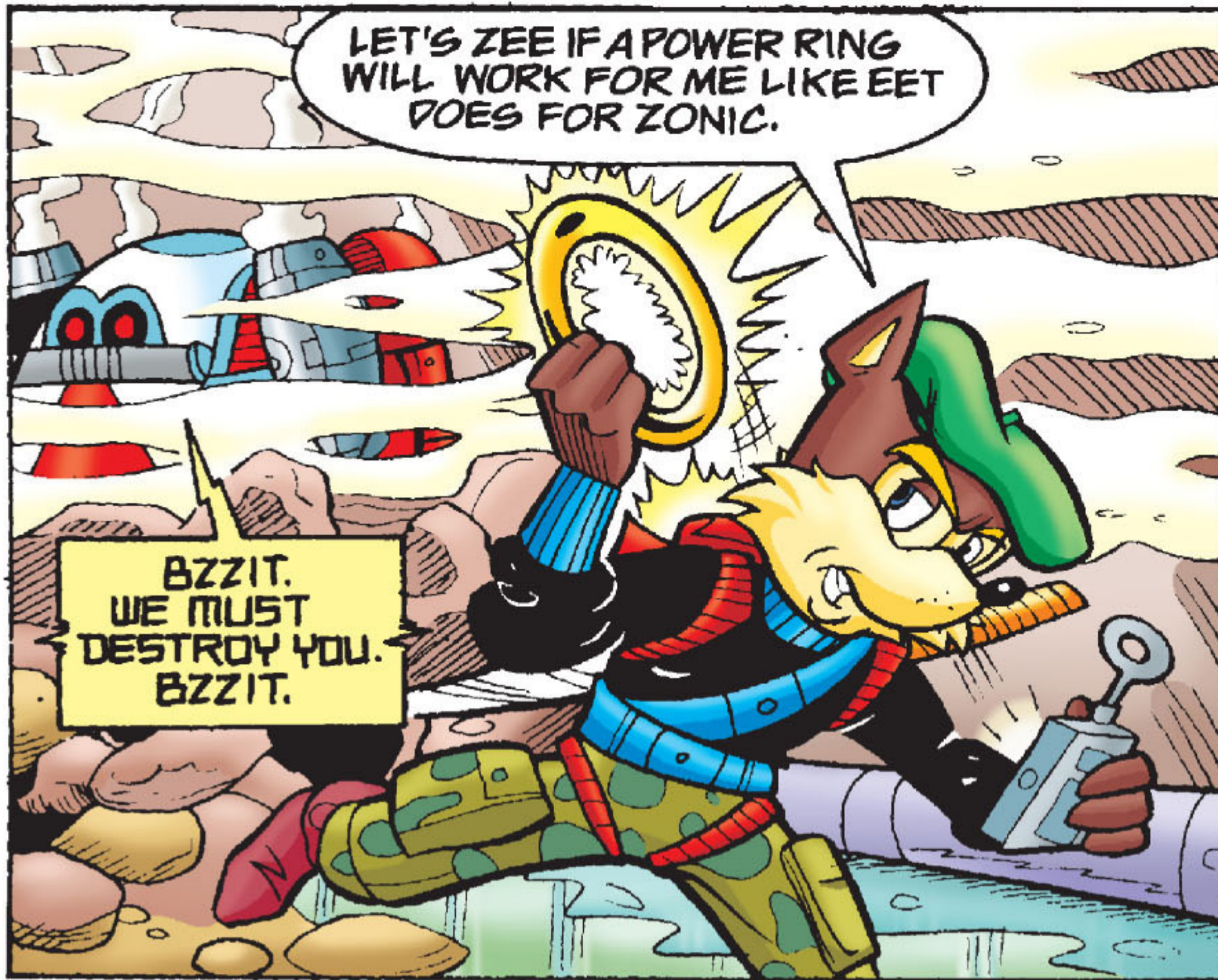
ZONIC WOULD ZAY ZOMETHING SNAPPY RIGHT NOW, BUT I CAN NO TINK OF ANYTING.



BZZIT, TARGET LOCATED. INITIATE SEARCH. BZZIT.

DO ZEES GUYZ EVA GIVE UP?

I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE. MUST... WARN... OTHERS...

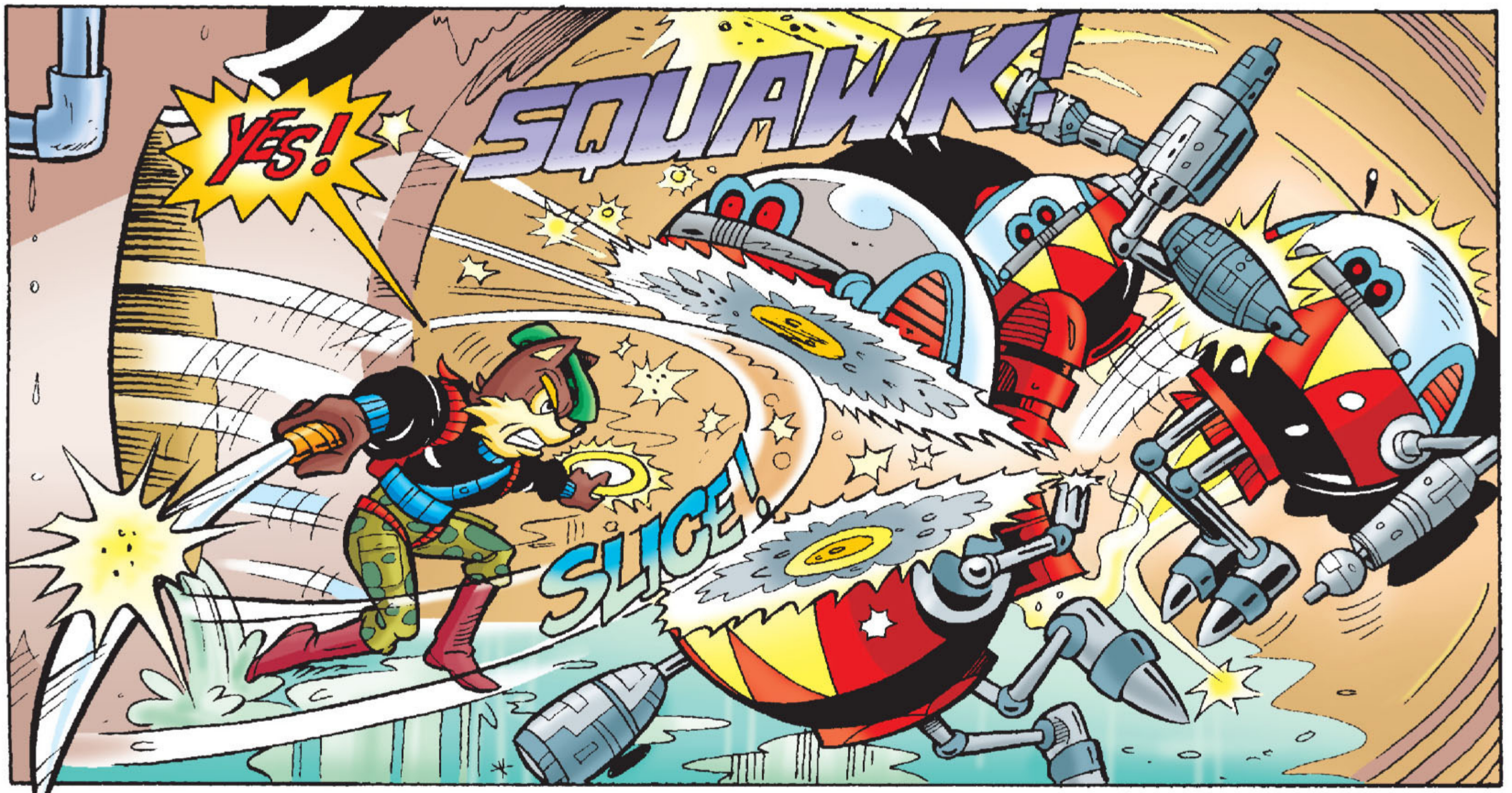


LET'S ZEE IF A POWER RING WILL WORK FOR ME LIKE EET DOES FOR ZONIC.

BZZIT. WE MUST DESTROY YOU. BZZIT.



ZEY SAY IT ENHANCES YOUR NATURAL ABILITIES IF YOU'RE PURE OF HEART. PLEASE. IF YOU NEVA WORK AGAIN, I'LL BE HAPPY. BUT RIGHT NOW...



YES!

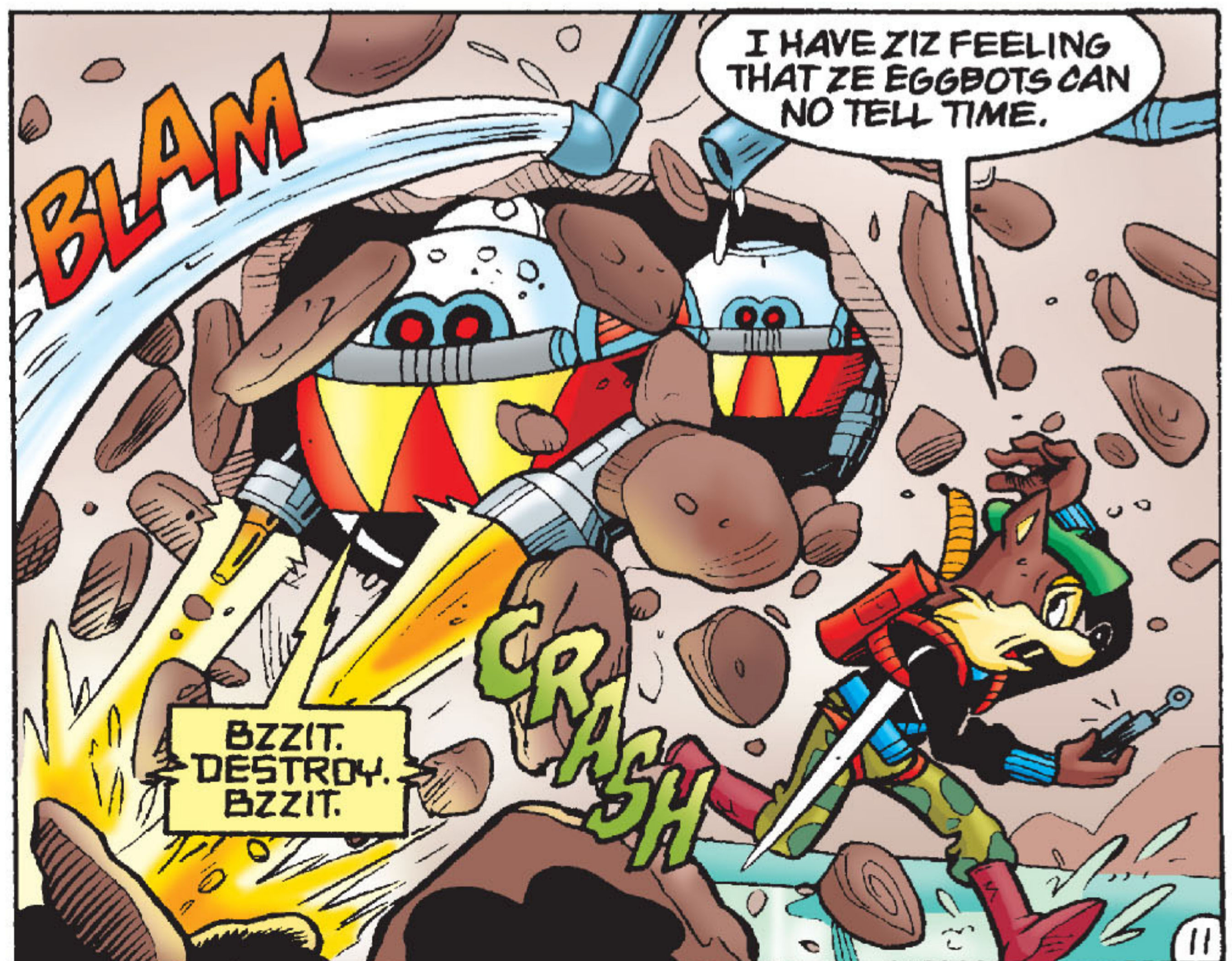
SQUAWK!

SLICE!



ZAT SHOULD HOLD DEM FOR A MOMENT WHILE I CHECK ZE LOCATOR.

ALL I NEED IZ A FEW ZECONDZ...

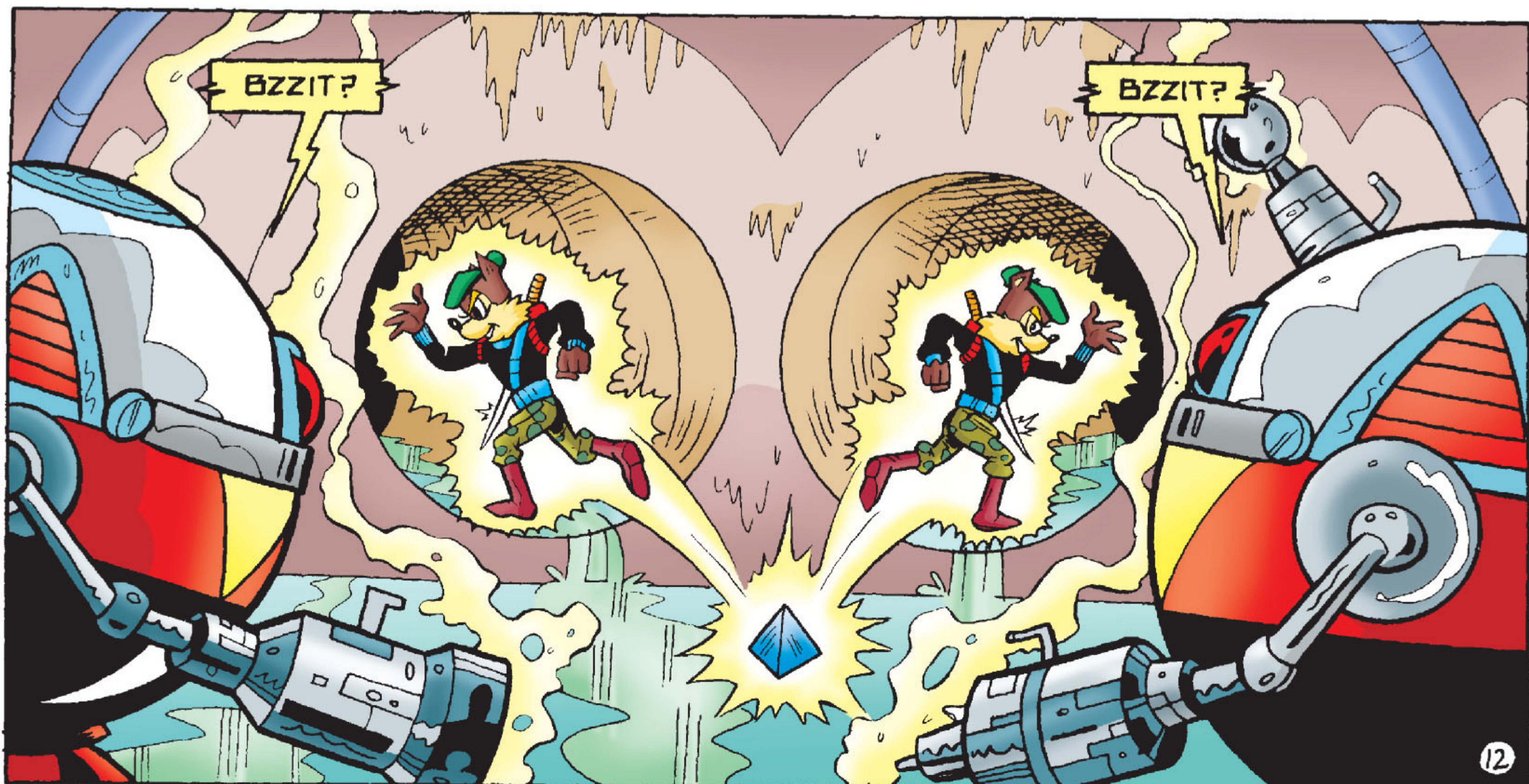
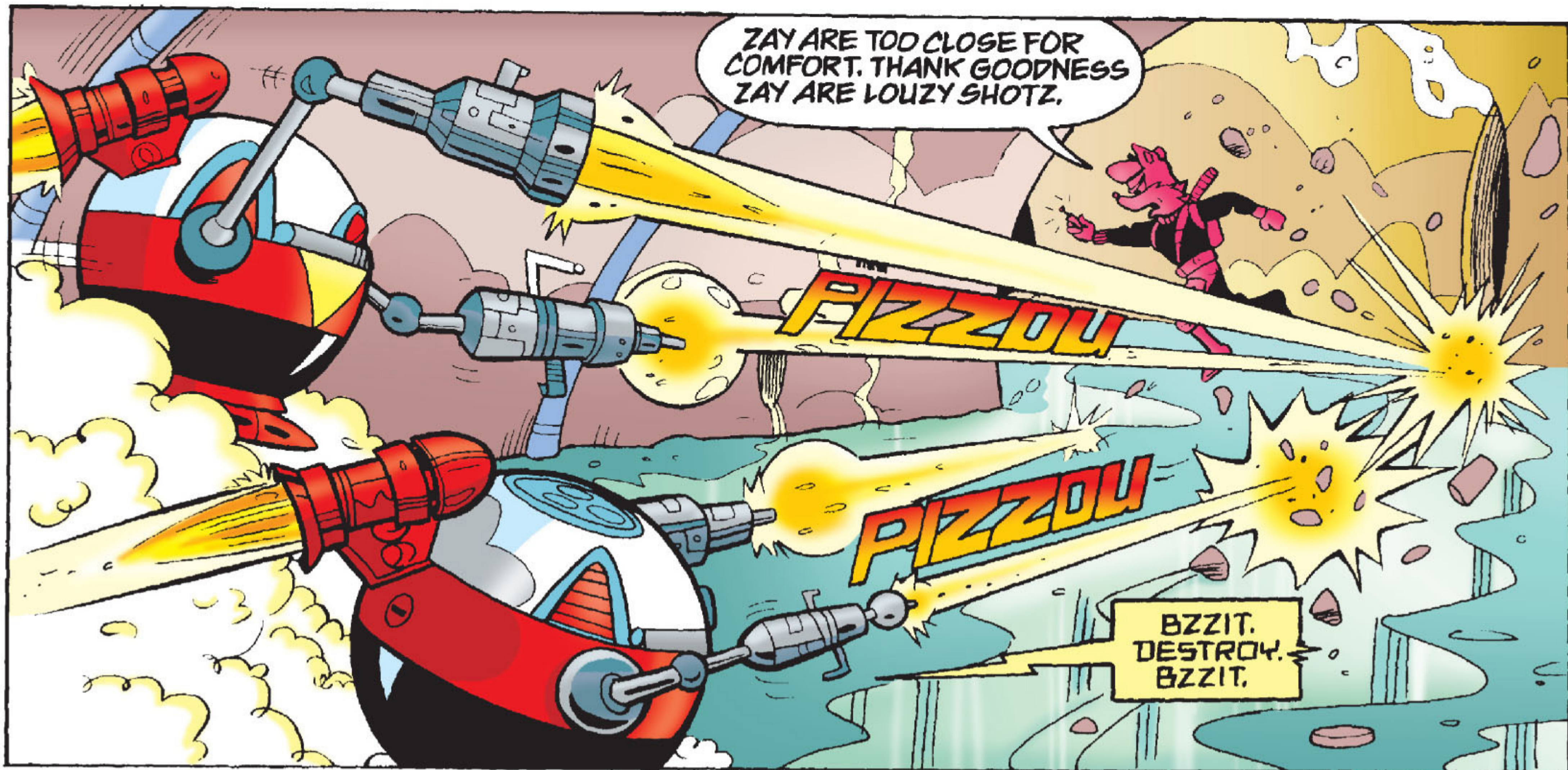


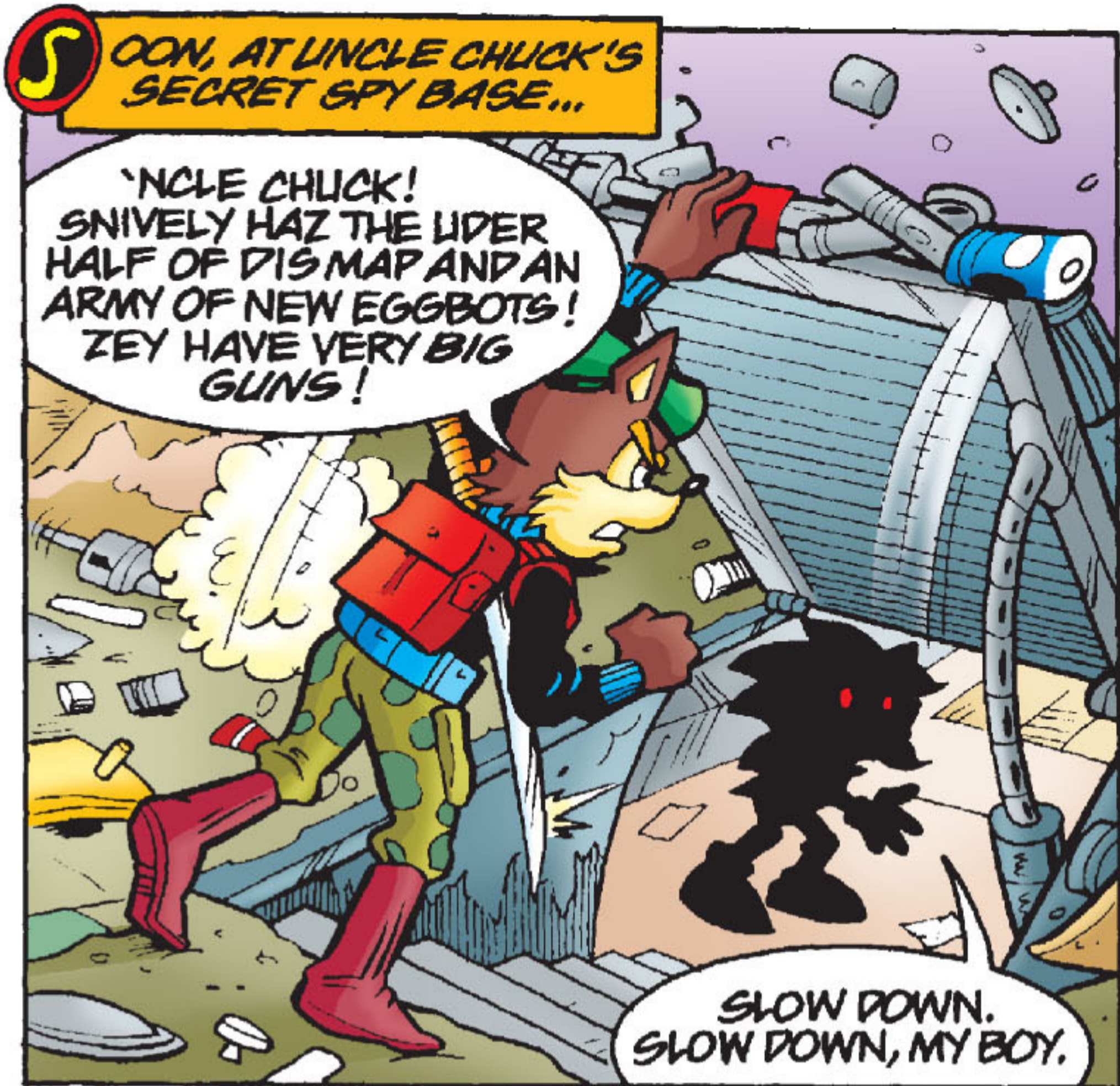
BLAM

I HAVE ZIZ FEELING THAT ZE EGGBOTS CAN NO TELL TIME.

CRASH

BZZIT. DESTROY. BZZIT.





S OON, AT UNCLE CHUCK'S SECRET SPY BASE...

'NCLE CHUCK!
SNIVELY HAZ THE LIDER
HALF OF DIS MAP AND AN
ARMY OF NEW EGGBOYS!
ZEY HAVE VERY BIG
GUNS!

SLOW DOWN.
SLOW DOWN, MY BOY.



A FTER MORE OF ANTOINE'S BABBLING...

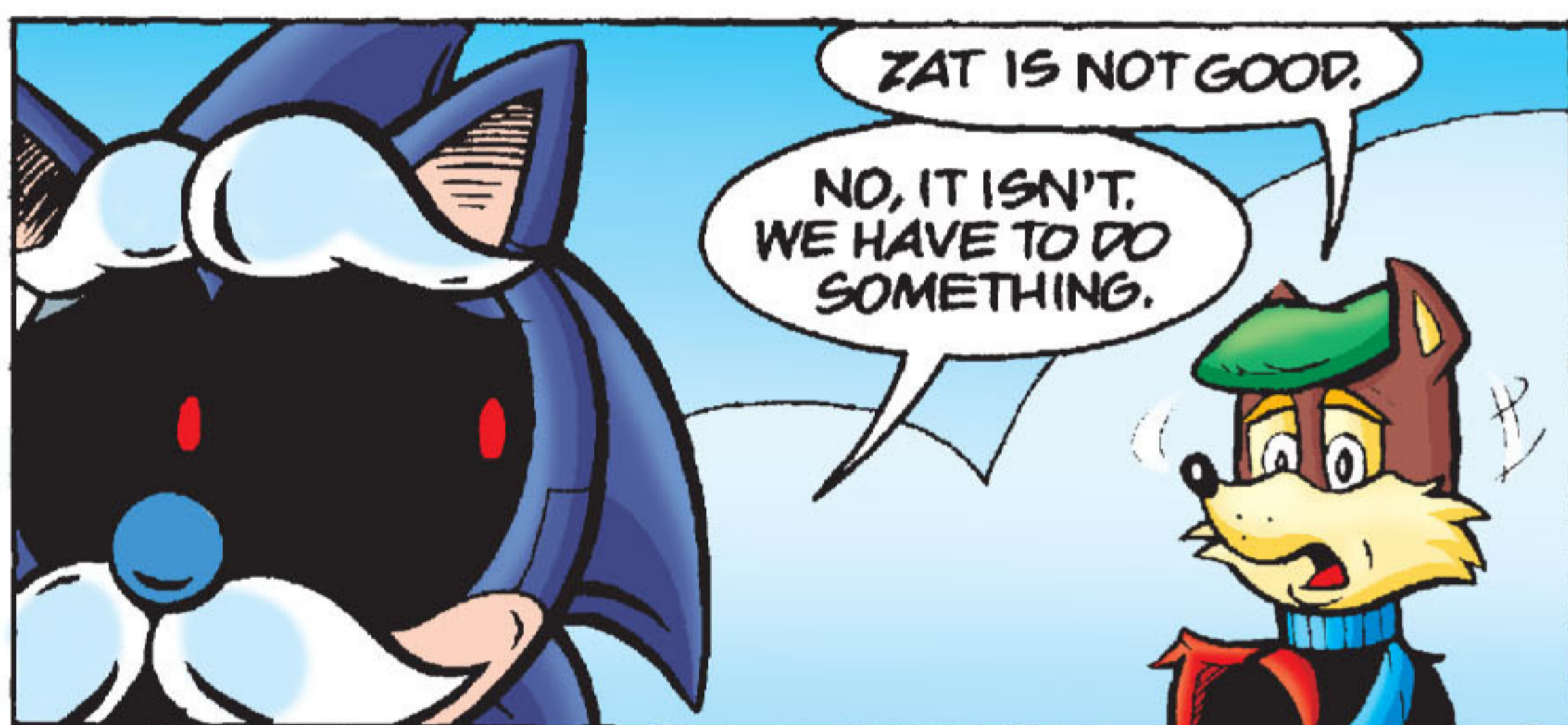
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? EVERYONE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU. THEY ASKED ME TO CHECK MY RESOURCES--MAKE SURE YOU WEREN'T CAPTURED BY DR. R.!

I SAID, I'VE BEEN IN ZE SOUTH SIDE OF ROBOTROPOLIS INVESTIGATING DIS MAP AND...

DID I MENTION DAT DEY HAD SOME VERY BIG GUNS?

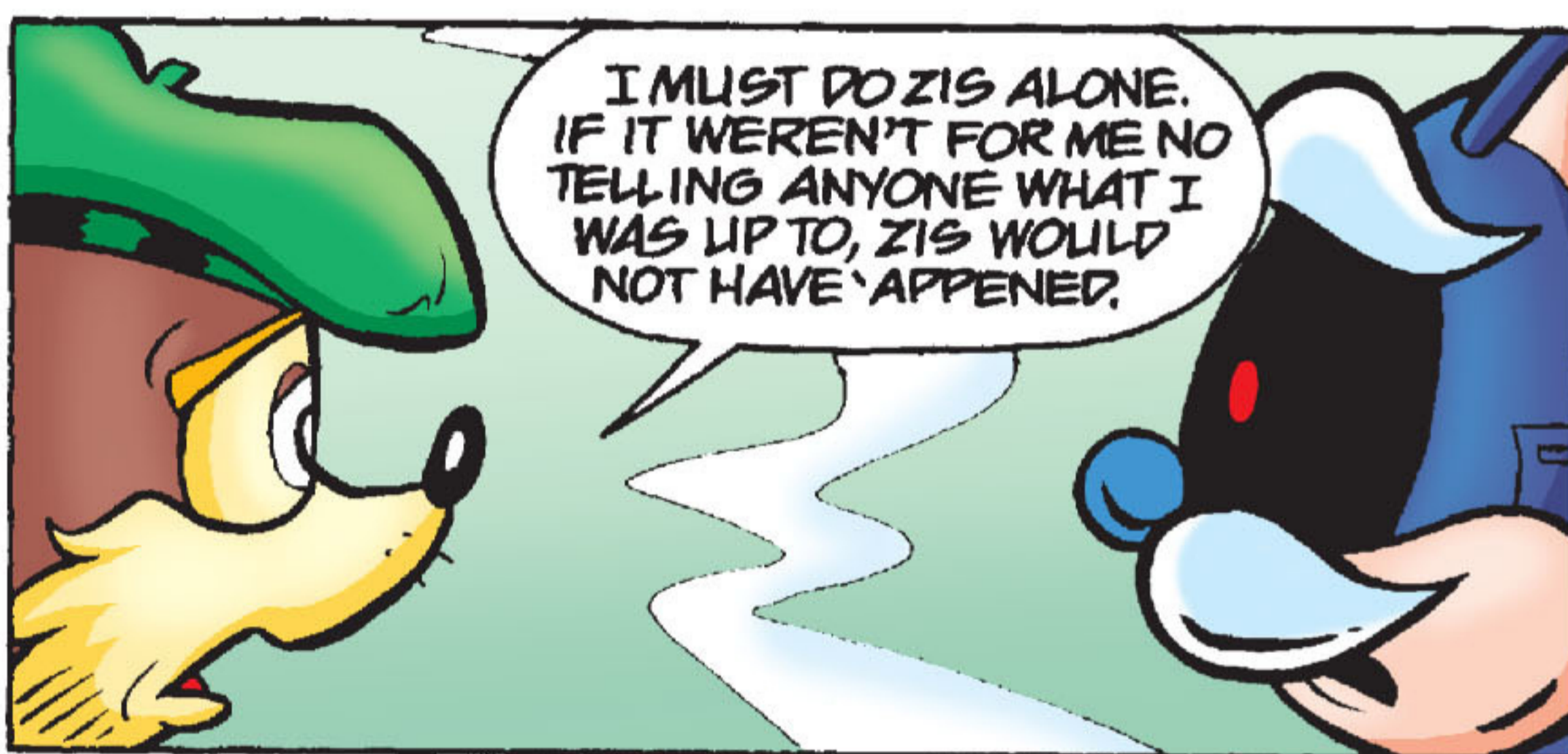


OH MY, ROTOR WAS TRACKING STRANGE SEISMIC ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. HE TOOK SONIC AND BUNNIE TO CHECK IT OUT.

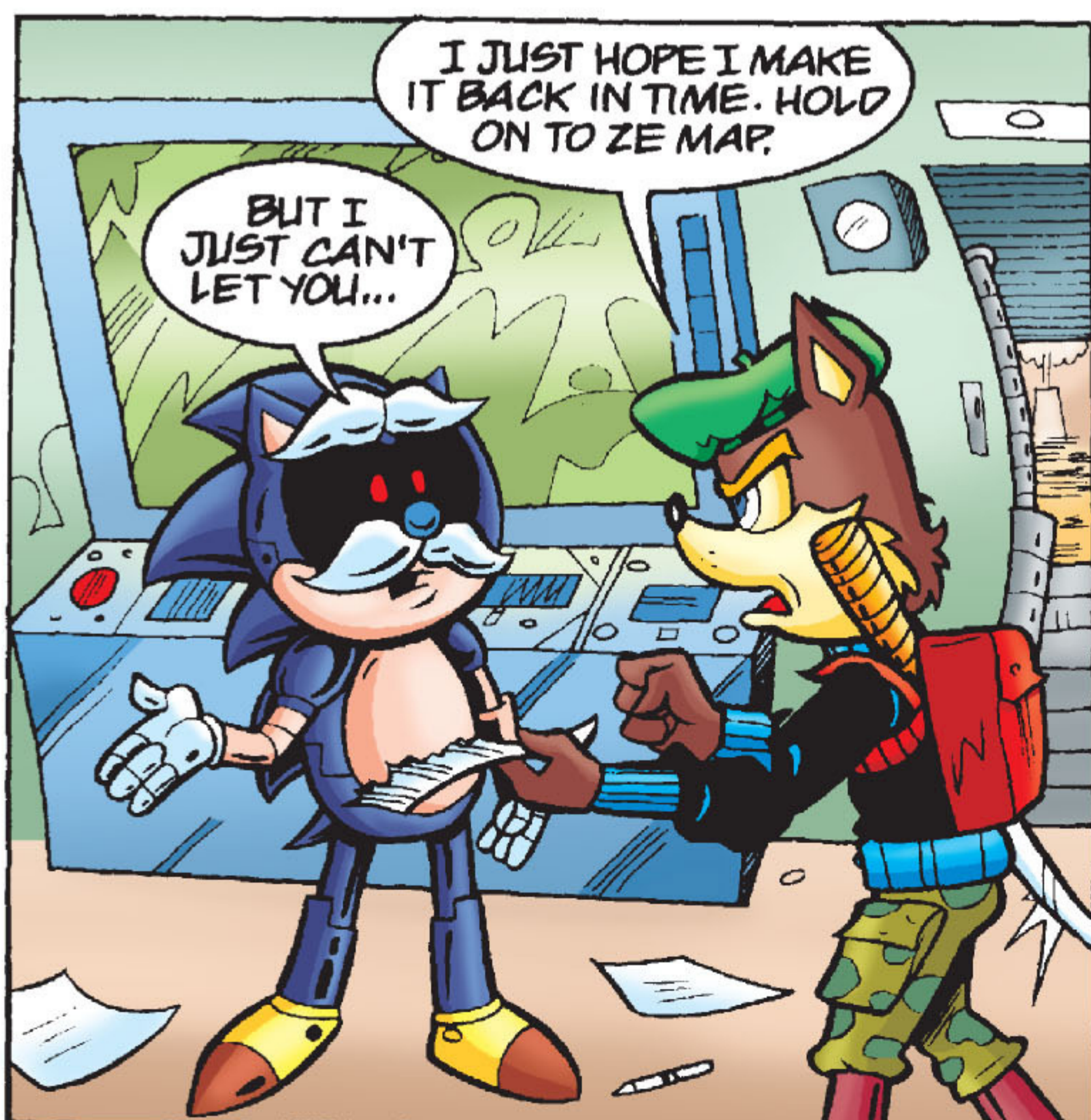


ZAT IS NOT GOOD.

NO, IT ISN'T. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.



I MUST DO ZIS ALONE. IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME NO TELLING ANYONE WHAT I WAS UP TO, ZIS WOULD NOT HAVE 'APPENED.



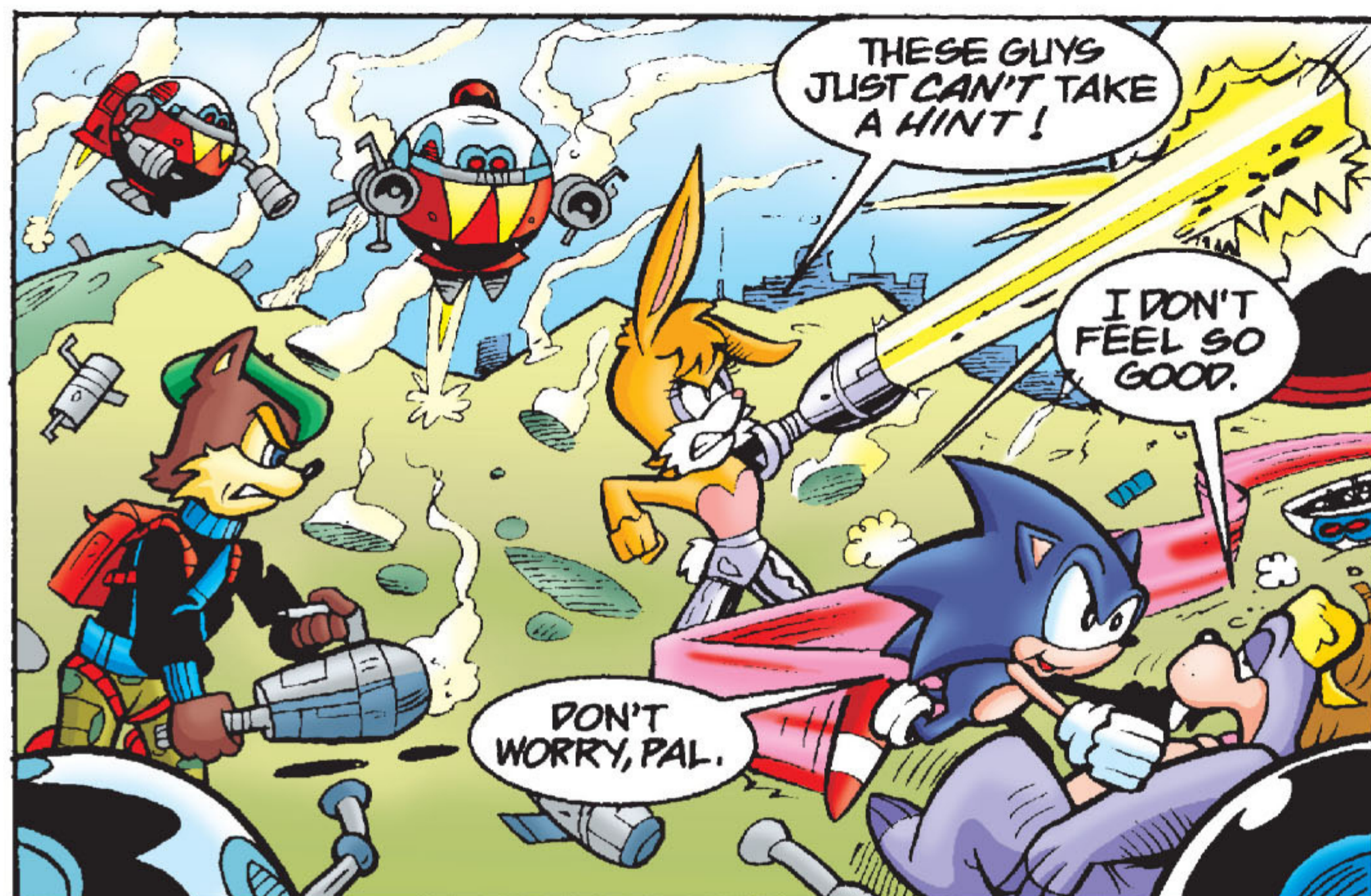
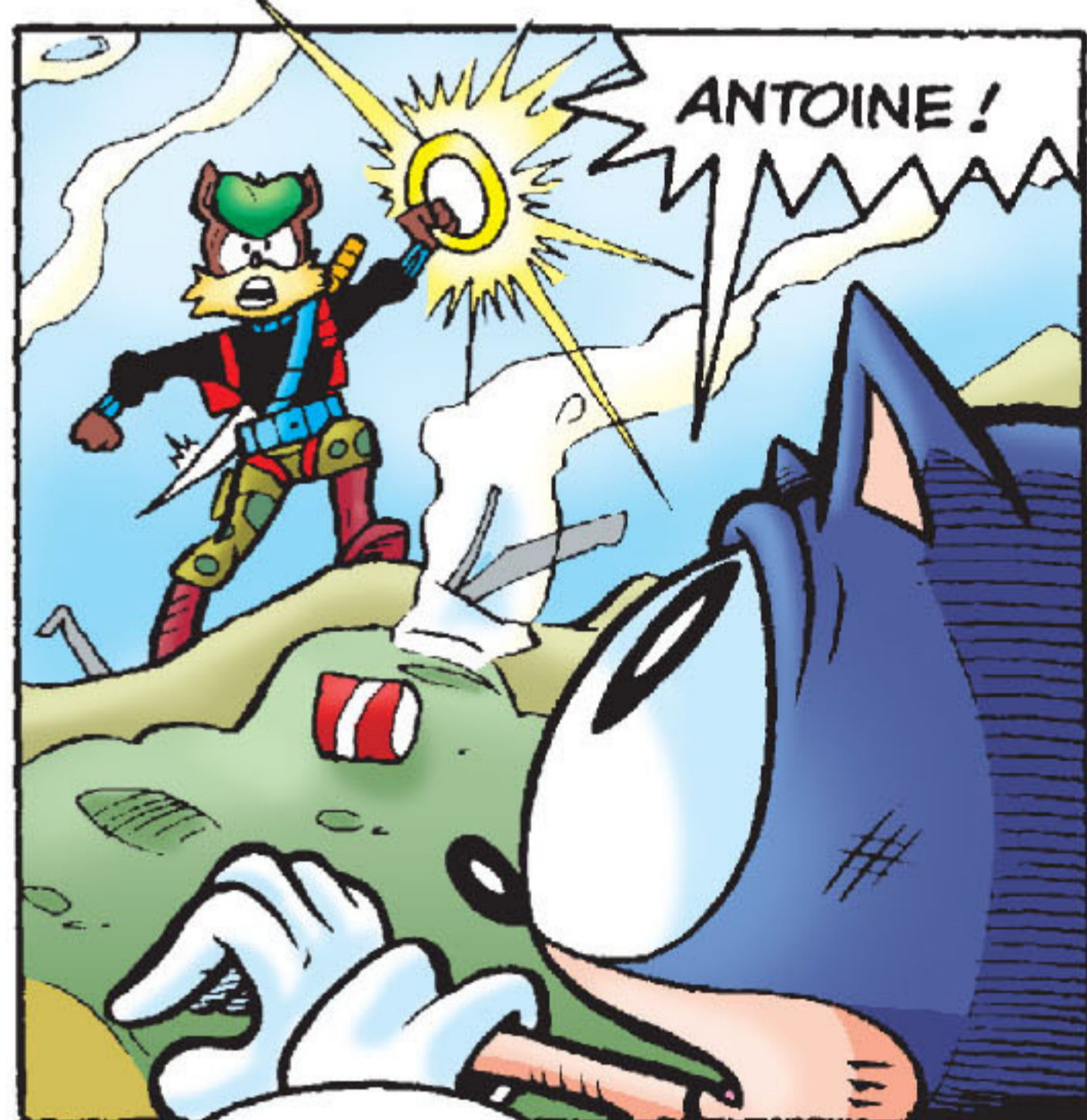
I JUST HOPE I MAKE IT BACK IN TIME. HOLD ON TO ZE MAP.

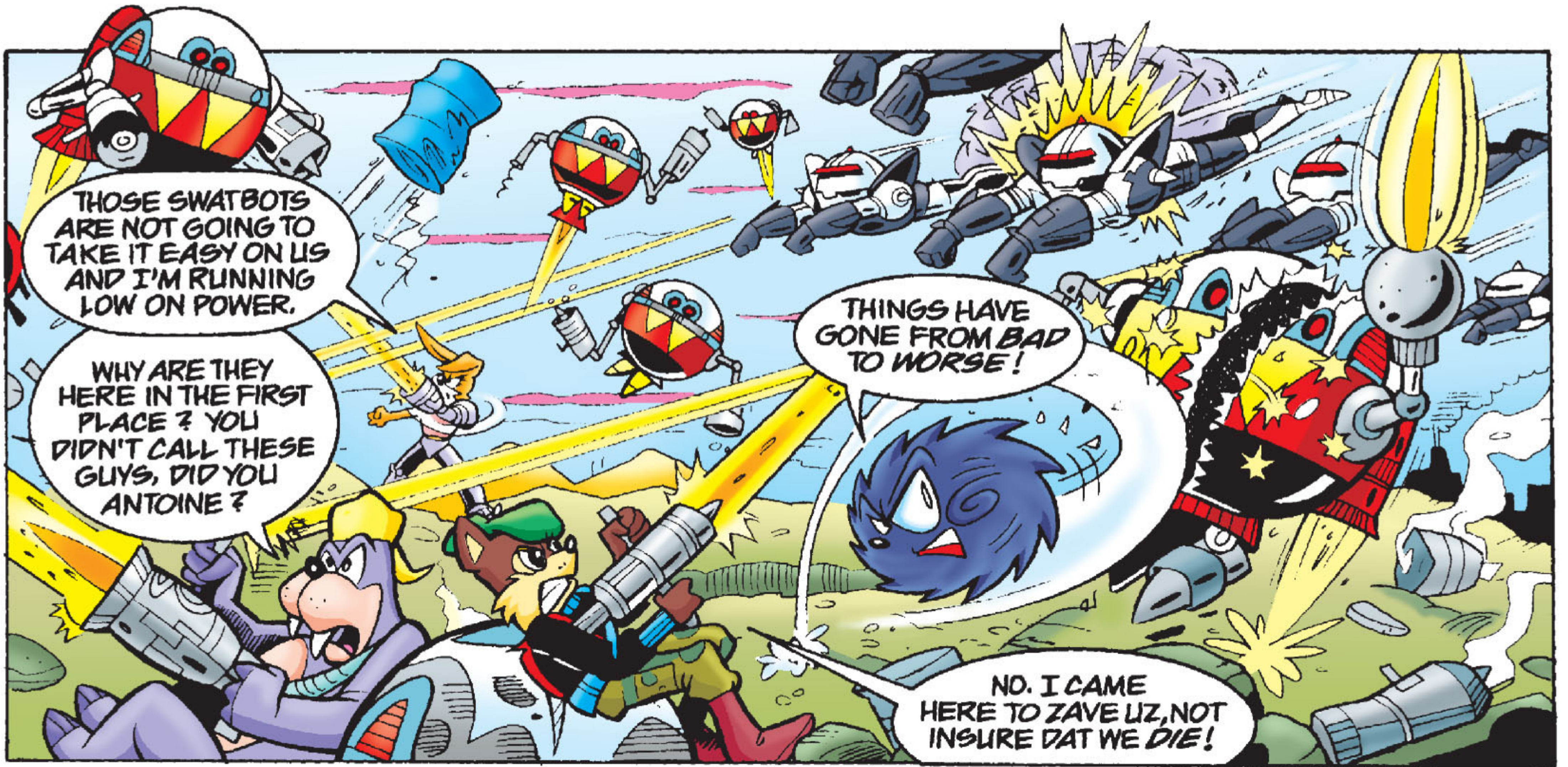
BUT I JUST CAN'T LET YOU...



SORRY--BUT I MUST!

≥ SIGH... ≤
GOOD LUCK!



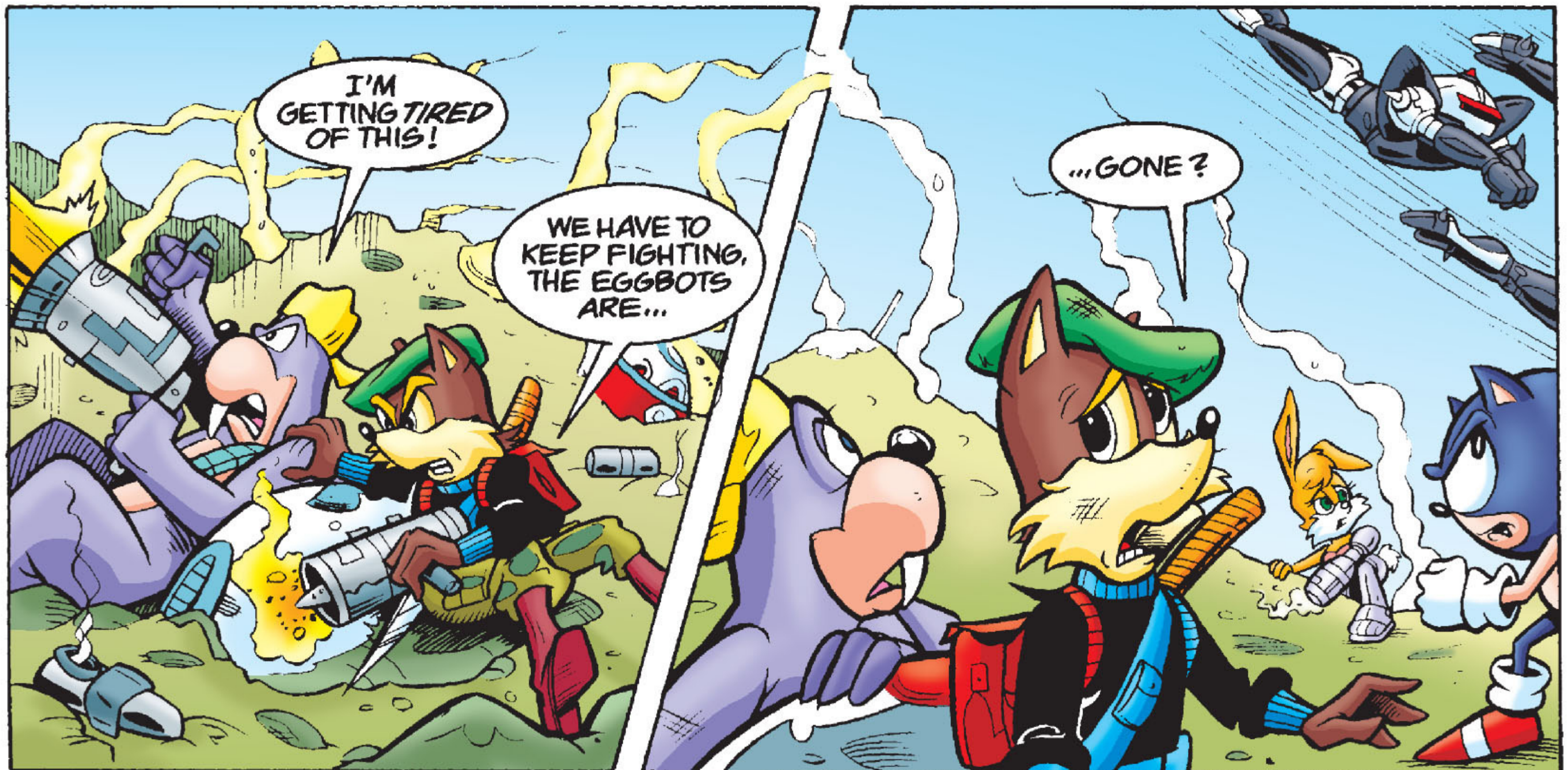


THOSE SWATBOTS ARE NOT GOING TO TAKE IT EASY ON US AND I'M RUNNING LOW ON POWER.

WHY ARE THEY HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE? YOU DIDN'T CALL THESE GUYS, DID YOU ANTOINE?

THINGS HAVE GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE!

NO. I CAME HERE TO SAVE LIZ, NOT INSURE DAT WE DIE!



I'M GETTING TIRED OF THIS!

WE HAVE TO KEEP FIGHTING, THE EGGBOTS ARE...

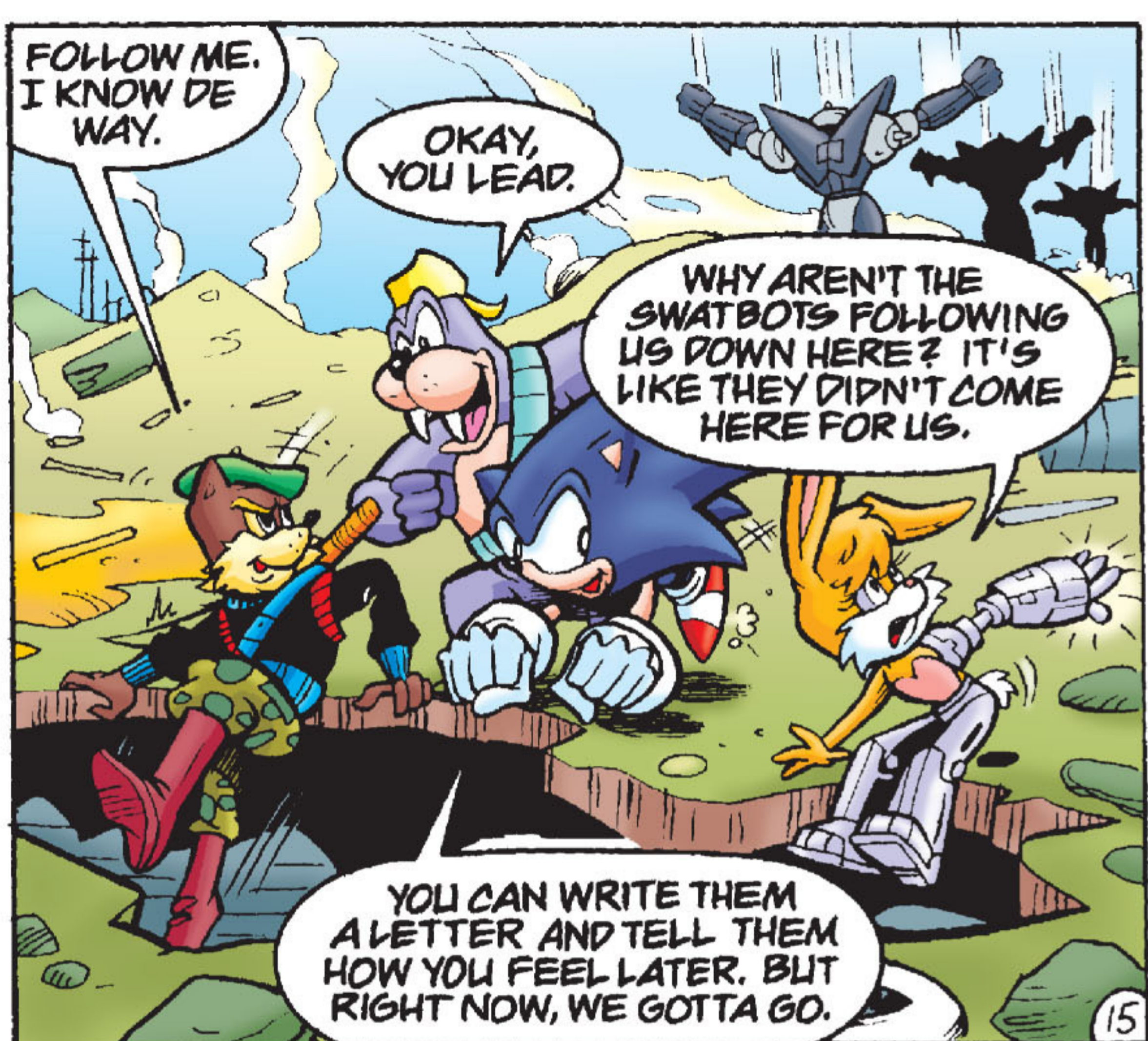
...GONE?



ZIS IS OUR CHANCE.

WELL THEN, LET'S TAKE IT.

TEN-FOUR ON THAT ONE,

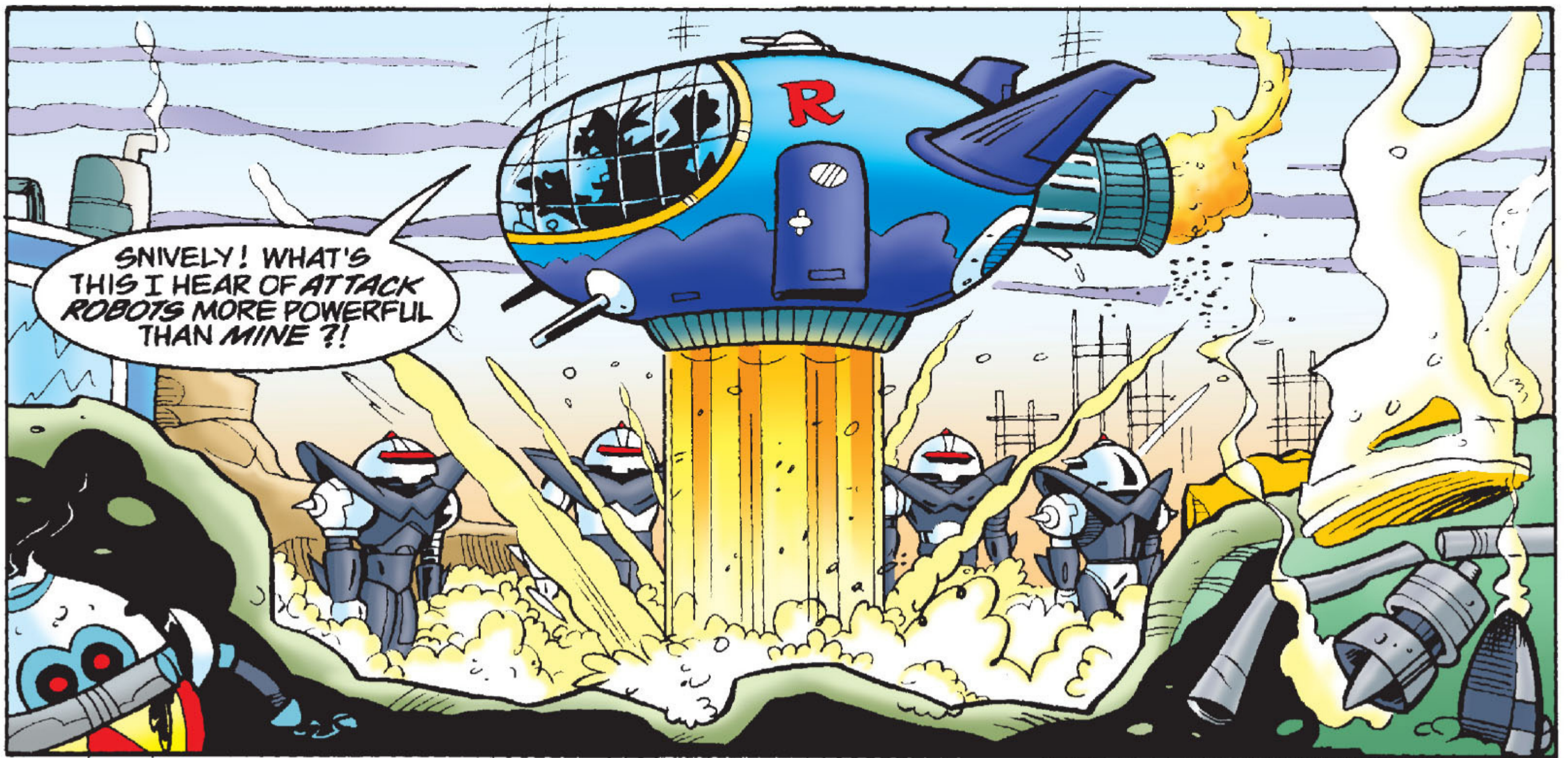


FOLLOW ME. I KNOW DE WAY.

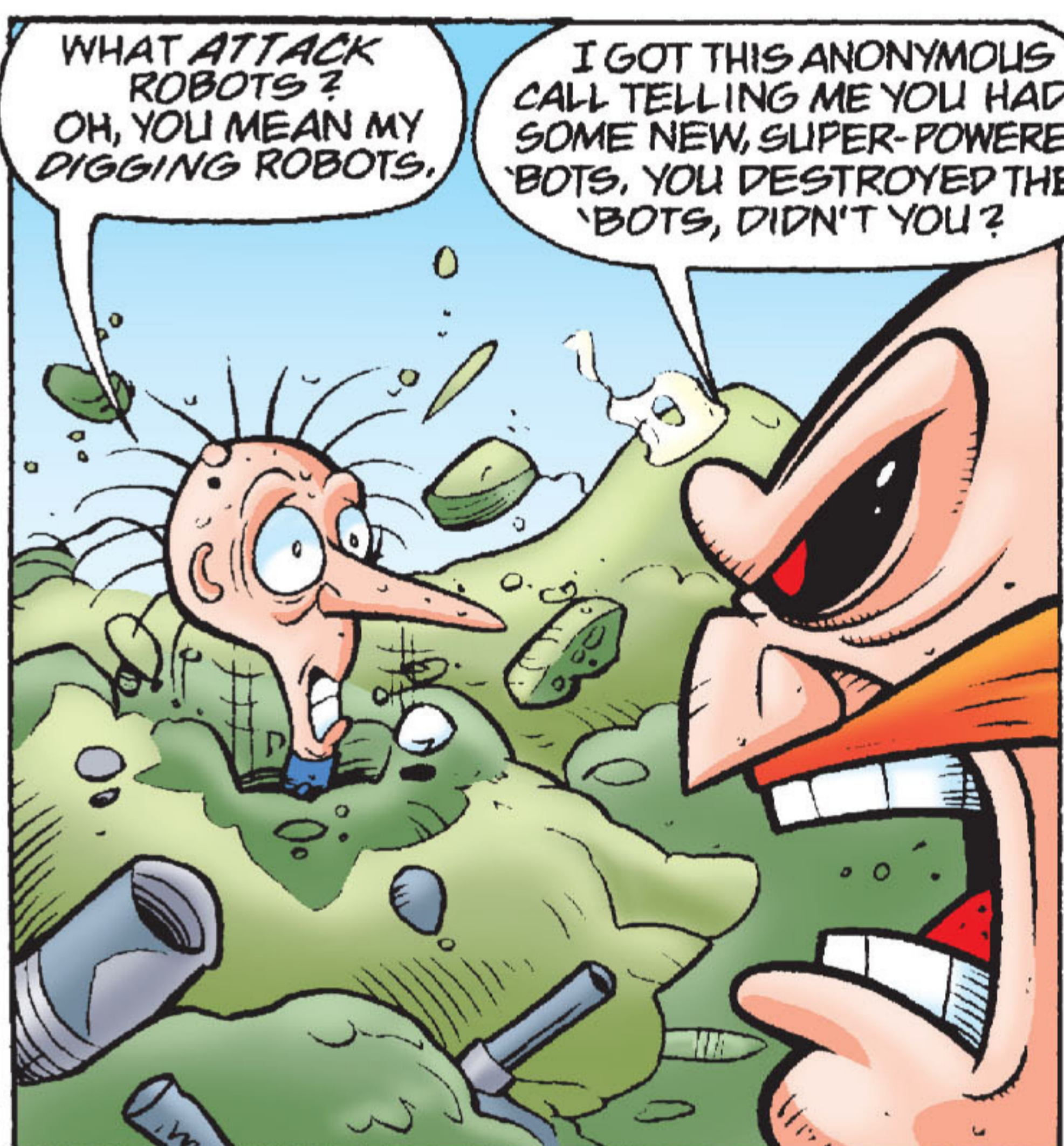
OKAY, YOU LEAD.

WHY AREN'T THE SWATBOTS FOLLOWING US DOWN HERE? IT'S LIKE THEY DIDN'T COME HERE FOR US.

YOU CAN WRITE THEM A LETTER AND TELL THEM HOW YOU FEEL LATER. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE GOTTA GO.



SNIVELY! WHAT'S THIS I HEAR OF ATTACK ROBOTS MORE POWERFUL THAN MINE?!



WHAT ATTACK ROBOTS? OH, YOU MEAN MY DIGGING ROBOTS.

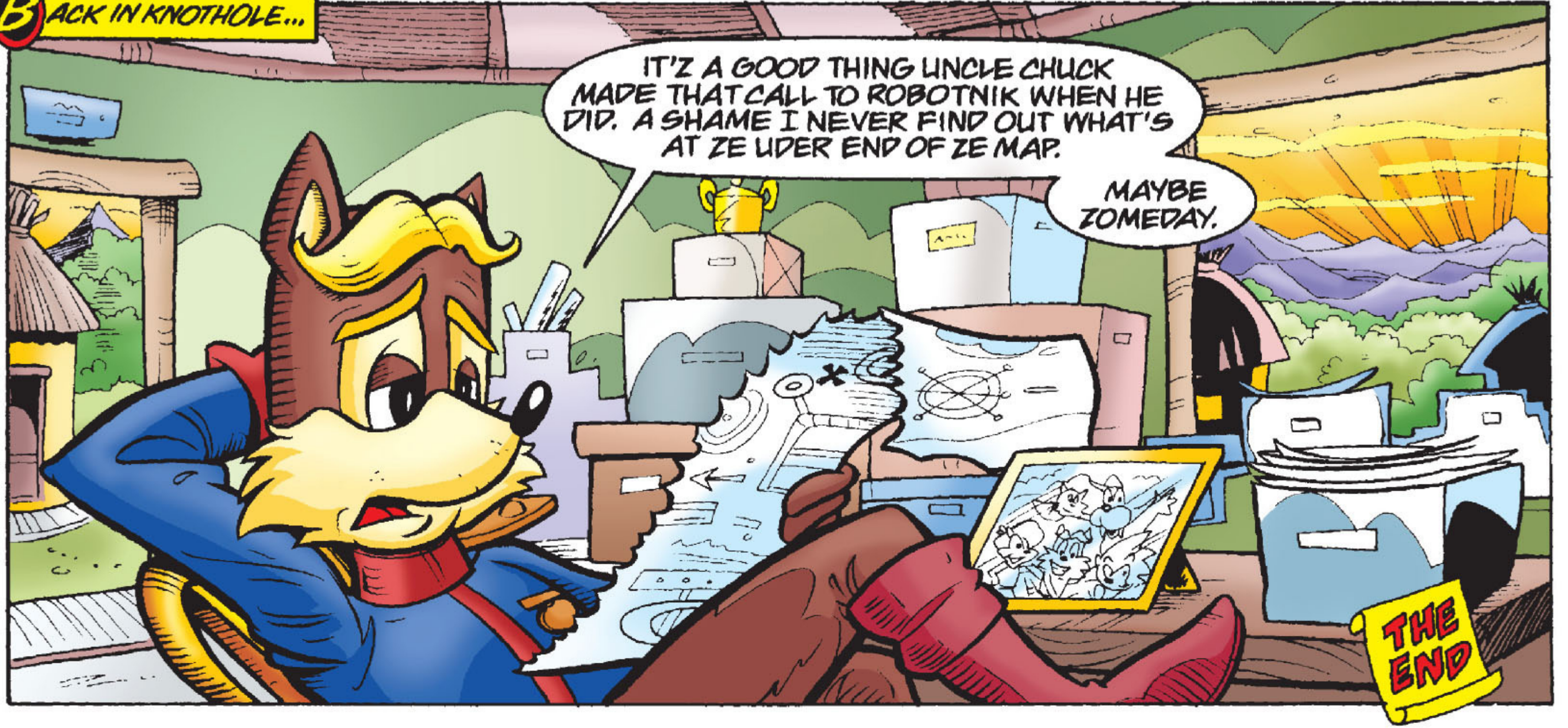
I GOT THIS ANONYMOUS CALL TELLING ME YOU HAD SOME NEW, SUPER-POWERED 'BOTS. YOU DESTROYED THE 'BOTS, DIDN'T YOU?



WELL SIR, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED: I WAS TESTING AN EXPERIMENTAL TOXIN USED TO LEVEL ANY GROUND STRUCTURE, NAMELY TREES AND THINGS FOUND IN THE FOREST... WHEN THESE ACCURSED FREEDOM FIGHTERS ATTACKED, I'M AFRAID ALL MY RESEARCH WAS DESTROYED, AS WELL AS THE "DIGGING" ROBOTS, SIR.

THEY SHALL PAY A HEAVY PRICE FOR THEIR ARROGANCE, SNIVELY! THIS, I COMMAND!

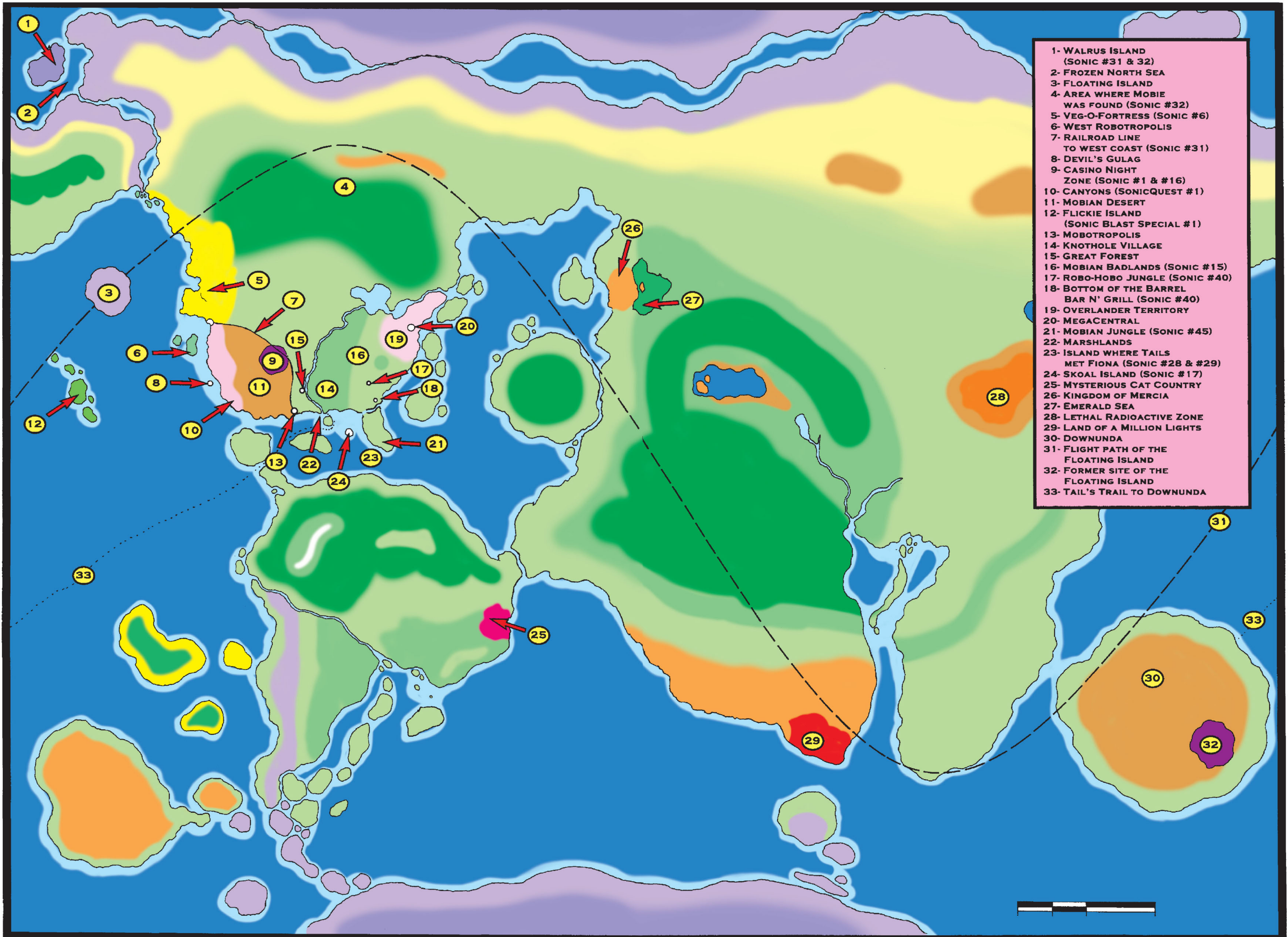
BACK IN KNOTHOLE...



IT'S A GOOD THING UNCLE CHUCK MADE THAT CALL TO ROBOTNIK WHEN HE DID. A SHAME I NEVER FIND OUT WHAT'S AT ZE UDER END OF ZE MAP.

MAYBE ZOMEDAY.

THE END



- 1- WALRUS ISLAND (SONIC #31 & 32)
- 2- FROZEN NORTH SEA
- 3- FLOATING ISLAND
- 4- AREA WHERE MOBIE WAS FOUND (SONIC #32)
- 5- VEG-O-FORTRESS (SONIC #6)
- 6- WEST ROBOTROPOLIS
- 7- RAILROAD LINE TO WEST COAST (SONIC #31)
- 8- DEVIL'S GULAG
- 9- CASINO NIGHT ZONE (SONIC #1 & #16)
- 10- CANYONS (SONICQUEST #1)
- 11- MOBIAN DESERT
- 12- FLICKIE ISLAND (SONIC BLAST SPECIAL #1)
- 13- MOBOTROPOLIS
- 14- KNOTHOLE VILLAGE
- 15- GREAT FOREST
- 16- MOBIAN BADLANDS (SONIC #15)
- 17- ROBO-HOBO JUNGLE (SONIC #40)
- 18- BOTTOM OF THE BARREL BAR N' GRILL (SONIC #40)
- 19- OVERLANDER TERRITORY
- 20- MEGACENTRAL
- 21- MOBIAN JUNGLE (SONIC #45)
- 22- MARSHLANDS
- 23- ISLAND WHERE TAILS MET FIONA (SONIC #28 & #29)
- 24- SKOAL ISLAND (SONIC #17)
- 25- MYSTERIOUS CAT COUNTRY
- 26- KINGDOM OF MERCIA
- 27- EMERALD SEA
- 28- LETHAL RADIOACTIVE ZONE
- 29- LAND OF A MILLION LIGHTS
- 30- DOWNUNDA
- 31- FLIGHT PATH OF THE FLOATING ISLAND
- 32- FORMER SITE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND
- 33- TAIL'S TRAIL TO DOWNUNDA

